

**CITY OF COLUMBUS - BID WAIVER INFORMATION FORM
TO ACCOMPANY LEGISLATION WHICH WAIVES ANY PROVISIONS OF
COLUMBUS CITY CODES CHAPTER 329
(PLEASE LIMIT YOUR RESPONSE TO THIS SHEET)**

1. In accordance with section 329.27 of the Columbus City Code, City Council may determine that the City's best interest is served by waiving the City Code Formal Bid procedures for the following reason(s): (Note that these reasons are all based on time. Currently, formal bid average completion time is 160 calendar days.)

- An unanticipated breakdown created an unplanned, emergency need.
- The item to be purchased is of a perishable nature, the price or availability will perish before the formal bid process can be completed.
- Need to extend an existing contract for one year or more where no provision for extension was included in the original bid/contract.
- Need to increase a contract for additional supplies/services, although the original contract obligations have been fulfilled.
- A new law or regulation requires immediate compliance; there is insufficient time to accomplish formal competitive bidding and satisfy the needs in order to comply.
- Other: There is not enough time to obtain formally advertised, competitive sealed bids to satisfy the needs because: Per ORC 117.09 the Auditor of State (AOS) is responsible for all audits of public offices and determines whether they or their designee shall perform the audit. The procurement process is dictated by their office.

2. Informal bid procedure used: Yes No Explain:
A Request for Quotes was issued by the Auditor of State (AOS) on May 7, 2025 with responses due to the AOS on June 3, 2025. Seven pre-qualified IPA firms were solicited and four responded. The City Auditor's Office, in conjunction with the River South Authority (whose audit will be performed by the same firm), recommended two firms and the AOS made the final decision.

3. Informal bids received and prices for each:

Pricing Summary for Auditor of State Request for Quote

Firm	2025 Hourly Rate	City Proposed Cost Summary					Total
		2025	2026	2027	2028	2029	
Clark, Schaefer, Hackett & Co.	\$ 130	312,000	321,600	331,200	340,800	340,800	1,646,400
CliftonLarsonAllen LLP	\$ 160	560,000	577,500	595,000	612,500	630,000	2,975,000
Plante & Moran, PLLC	\$ 145	427,750	445,450	463,150	480,850	501,500	2,318,700
Rea & Associates, Inc.	\$ 110	352,000	368,000	387,200	406,400	422,400	1,936,000

4. If lowest bid was not accepted, Explain:

The final selection of Rea & Associates, Inc. was made the Auditor of State.

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