
**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:

The Columbus Division of Police Digital Forensics Unit has an urgent need to acquire four (4) new forensic workstations. These workstations will be used to replace older ones that no longer work. The workstations being requested are being made specific by Sumuri LLC.

The vendor Sumuri has assisted with identifying a solution to collect, process, and store electronic data. Their product is far more superior to what is currently for sale out in the market, and their workstations have a history of outlasting other workstations. This vendor is also well known throughout the world for providing reliable forensic equipment for the forensic community.

The City has purchased similar equipment for the Digital Forensics Unit from other vendors. That equipment has either needed constant maintenance or has broken down. When it comes to warranty, support, reliability, and accountability, this vendor has a proven and unmatched track record with the City of Columbus and other law enforcement agencies

For these reasons, I request the waiver of complete bidding and the consideration of the identified vendor to provide the new computer server to the Digital Forensics Unit.

2. Informal bid procedure used: Yes No Explain:

3. Informal bids received and prices for each:

4. If lowest bid was not accepted, Explain:

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Approved By:

Authorized Approval on Corresponding Legislative File
