
**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: Currently Gudenkauf is the only company who is providing the City with fiber connectivity. Per ORC 128.03(f), "Notwithstanding any other provision of law, the purchase or other acquisition, installation, and maintenance of the telephone network for a 9-1-1 system and the purchase or other acquisition, installation, and maintenance of customer premises equipment at a public safety answering point made in compliance with a final plan or an agreement under section 128.09 of the Revised code, including customer premises equipment used to provide wireless enhanced 9-1-1, are not subject to any requirement of competitive bidding." Therefore, it is not in the City's best interests to procure this service with another vendor through competitive procurement.

2. Informal bid procedure used: Yes No Explain:

Time is of the essence whereby there are two (2) outside agencies (and possibly more in the future) that are being brought onto the current 911 system. The 911 expansion has already been approved by Council (10-24-16). This fiber is necessary to make the expansion work. This expansion will allow for text to 911 and needs to be in place and working by early next year.

3. Informal bids received and prices for each:

NA

4. If lowest bid was not accepted, Explain:

NA. Gudenkauf provided the city with quoted price for the fiber connectivity services which was acceptable to the Departments of Public Safety and Technology.

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