
**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: CPH's Infectious Disease and Investigation unit has utilized this software since the start of the pandemic and relies on consistency in services and data reporting needed to maintain the deliverables of the COVID-19 Enhanced Operations grant. There is an immediate need for the continuation of contract tracing services to avoid disruption of disease prevention for the public safety. Scene Health/eMocha Health is a software service that provided Columbus Public Health and other U.S. health districts robust contact tracing services, remote symptoms screening and video monitoring service throughout the COVID-19 public health emergency. This technology was created by Johns Hopkins researchers and is a proprietary software and the standard of care for public health departments in preventing the spread of infectious diseases. The software integrates into Public Health's standard operating procedures and health systems.

2. Informal bid procedure used: Yes No Explain:

Due to the immediate nature of the need for contact tracing services, CPH is requesting the waiver of the provisions of Columbus City Code Chapter 329 from the Director of the Division of Finance and Management.

3. Informal bids received and prices for each:

N/A

4. If lowest bid was not accepted, Explain:

N/A

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