

**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. Reasons for waiving City Code bid procedure:

- emergency breakdown causing unplanned need
- item to be purchased is of a perishable nature
- need to extend an existing contract
- there is not enough time to obtain formal bids to satisfy need
- non-price error on either the bidder's or the City's part in the bid proposal
- a new law or regulation requires immediate compliance
- other Demonstrations and product testing of mowers in this class showed that this particular model will save staff time, fuel, and resources in comparison to others with similar, but not equivalent, specifications.

2. Detailed explanation of reason (must be completed by division):

There is no other mower available for purchase that would serve the same purpose or function as the Lastec 721XR. After demonstrations and our own product testing of makes and models with similar, but not exactly matching specifications, we determined the Lastec 721XR Pull Behind Mower to be the best performing machine. The ability of the 721XR to mow large areas of turf while maintaining the contour of the ground is of particular importance as we will be mowing at heights at or below 2 inches on moderately undulating ground. The Lastec 721XR has seven independent cutting decks that are capable of a mowing moderately undulating terrain down to 1.5 inches. This unique independent cutting deck system that follows the contour of the ground on closely mowed athletic turfgrass prevents scalping, which is described as inadvertently cutting more of the turf plant as desired, usually on a contour, damaging turf and requiring repair. Scalping is unsafe and unacceptable for the closely mowed athletic turfgrass that this machine would be used for. With regards to productivity, to use a competing mower we would be sacrificing productivity in terms of a narrower width of cut and increased amount of scalping requiring repair. The productivity and efficiency of the Lastec 721XR with its wider effective width of cut allows our staff to accomplish more mowing in less time, and using less fuel, than other mowers in its class. The Lastec 721XR Pull Behind Mower is distributed exclusively in the State of Ohio by Reynolds Farm Equipment - Golf and Turf Division. No division of Lastec, nor any other company, makes a similar or competing product.

3. Informal procedure used:

- telephone quotations
- written quotations
- negotiations

4. Informal bids received and prices for each:

See attached quote

5. If lowest bid was not accepted, explain criteria for award:

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DATE:
