

CITY OF COLUMBUS

BID WAIVER INFORMATION FORM

TO ACCOMPANY LEGISLATION WHICH WAIVES ANY PROVISIONS OF COLUMBUS CITY CODES CHAPTER 329  
(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, testing and actual experience in using and maintaining a sidewinder mower have shown that the Toro Groundsmaster 3500-D Sidewinder Mower will save time and resources in comparison to other mowers with similar but not equivalent specifications. This mower is exclusive to Toro as is the technology and the features.

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

**See attached explanation**

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3. Informal procedure used:

- telephone quotations
- written quotations

**negotiations**

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4. Informal bids received and prices for each:

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

**See attached quote from Century.**

**Century is a direct link for Toro as they are the distributor for Toro products in Ohio, West Virginia, Kentucky, Michigan, Indiana and Pennsylvania. They have been a distributor for over 60 years. They also has the State of Ohio Contracts for Toro products and 2016 is seeing a decrease in pricing from 2015 which is a good thing for the City because they quote that same low pricing.**

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ORDINANCE#: TBA

APPROVED BY: \_\_\_\_\_

DATE: November 9, 2015

## **Explanation**

Turnberry Golf Course, a bentgrass course, has a need to replace their Toro Sidewinder mower with another Toro Sidewinder. This is necessary as the Toro Sidewinder mower has contour decks coupled with the sidewinder capabilities makes it the best choice for the terrain and turf of the course. Turnberry's golfers expect a manicured course that reflects the greens fee they pay to play.

Turnberry requests the Toro Groundsmaster 3500-D with Sidewinder System as the replacement. This is a triplex rotary mower designed for superior performance trimming. The new contour plus cutting technology, only on a Toro, takes the quality of the cut to a new level, with air inlet pockets which keep the grass standing tall for the cleanest possible cut. The ground-following design of each contour plus free-floating deck permits mowing the most challenging berms without scalping, as two front rollers and a rear roller allow the deck to smoothly pass over the turf

One of the greatest benefits of this mower is the sidewinder system, which unlike any other mower on the market, enables great productivity as the 68-inch, width-of-cut permits mowing generous swaths, yet its compact size and having the sidewinder capability allows tight maneuvers in trim areas. Because the sidewinder system shifts the cutting units left and right by a total of 24 inches, it increases the cutting unit overhang for precise trimming, and the tire tracks can also be shifted within the mowing path to reduce wear and stress on the turf. Thus, a daily mowing job that normally would require two different machines can be handled by one which saves time and automatically increases productivity.

Safety to the operator with this mower is very favorable. It is important to note that Turnberry has very steep green banks that have to be navigated and the hydrostatic transmission of this mower is much easier as compared to a manual four-speed. The patented Toro series/parallel traction drive system provides steady traction in all conditions, even in wet grass and over undulating terrain. Its full-time, three-wheel drive system maintains power to two of the three wheels at all times, minimizing tire spinouts and scuffing. Please note that in addition to operator safety, the safety to the turf is also very important as bentgrass courses are high maintenance and any scuffing or scalping can cause great damage to the course as well as additional turf problems all of which require immediate repair.

The Turnberry Golf Course staff has done extensive research including demonstrations and talking with other superintendents in the area. The staff attends the yearly Ohio Turfgrass Foundation Trade Show which brings vendors and equipment into one site with the availability to explore the market place. Through their years of experience in using the equipment, especially the sidewinder and maintaining the equipment, they have learned what works best with Turnberry's bentgrass turf and terrain.