

**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 Need specific product and service.

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

The Division of Sewerage and Drainage (DOSD) determined that the chemical diquat dibromide is the most effective way to treat roots in sewers as it is classified as non-carcinogenic and not considered a volatile compound, and is approved by the United States EPA for this use. There are other means of root control, but DOSD determined that other chemicals are not acceptable for use in this program due to either ineffectiveness or the presence of metam sodium, which the US EPA classifies as a likely carcinogen.

RAZOROOTER®, which contains the active ingredient, diquat dibromide ("diquat"), is a proprietary product of Duke's Root Control, Inc. and is currently the only diquat-based, sewer root control product registered with the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency. Duke's Root Control is the only commercial applicator licensed with Ohio Department of Agriculture to apply this product to sewers.

3. Informal procedure used:

- ☐ telephone quotations
- ☒ written quotations
- ☐ negotiations

4. Informal bids received and prices for each:

N/A

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

N/A

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