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**CITY OF COLUMBUS - SOLE SOURCE INFORMATION FORM**

TO ACCOMPANY LEGISLATION WHICH WAIVES  
ANY PROVISIONS OF COLUMBUS CITY CODE CHAPTER 329.  
(LIMIT YOUR RESPONSE TO THIS SHEET)

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**1. Verification of sole source: (Why no other individual or business entity is capable of supplying the needed item/service.)**

- Sole source manufacturer/distributor.
- Sole distributor authorized for this territory.
- Patented product purchased for owner/developer.
- Sole company offering this unique service.
- Other:

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**2. Describe any effort to bid for alternate item (service or product) that is not provided by a sole source that would meet this need:**

A review of the specifications confirms this item involves proprietary technology patented by Schneider Electric. No other manufacturer produces a functional equivalent that integrates with our current system/Infrastructure. Bidding for an alternate would require a complete system overhaul, which is not cost-effective or technically feasible. This vendor is the sole domestic provider of maintenance and support for the existing software of the City.

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**3. Describe efforts to determine/verify that the company is the sole source:**

In accordance with Chapter 329 of the Columbus City Codes, it has been determined that Schneider Electric Smart Grid Solutions, LLC is the sole source provider for this requirement based on the following:

- Proprietary Rights: Schneider Electric is the sole owner and producer of the ArcFM Solution software and holds the proprietary rights to the source code. It is the sole domestic provider of maintenance and support for that software, which is the purpose of the contract being authorized with this ordinance.
- Direct Provider: Schneider Electric is the sole domestic provider of maintenance and support for this software.
- No Authorized Resellers: The vendor does not utilize third-party re-sellers or authorized service providers for software licensing or maintenance, meaning no other entity can legally provide these services.

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**4. Indicate how the price or fee structure was determined:**

The costs proposed for these services are consistent with the manufacturer's established direct-to-government pricing. Given their status as the sole proprietor, the price is considered fair and reasonable as there is no competitive market for these specific proprietary support services.

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