

**CITY OF COLUMBUS-BID WAIVER INFORMATION FORM**  
**To accompany legislation which waves any provision of Columbus City Code Chapter 329**

**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
- Need to extend an existing contract for one (1) 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: The Division of Sewerage and Drainage has made an operational decision to enhance the current PIMS system through software upgrade as opposed to purchasing a new system. The result is a savings of \$68,000.00 for the Department of Public Utilities.

**2. Informal bid procedure used:**  YES  NO **Explain:** The Pre-Treatment Section currently is working under a PIMS system that is approximately 8 years old. The Department of Public Utilities considered replacing the system in 2009. Request for Proposals were received by the Director of Public Utilities on June 12, 2009. One RFP was received and the cost the new system would cost \$121,780.00.

The Division of Sewerage and Drainage contacted Inflection Point Solutions LLC the current PIMS provider to discuss upgrade options to the current system which is Version 1.5.8 and is 8 years old. After negotiations with the Inflection Point and Pre-Treatment staff the current system can be upgraded to Version 10 for \$63,000.00. The Department of Public Utilities has made an operational decision in the best interest of the City of Columbus to enter into an agreement with the current software supplier for software upgrades instead of purchasing a new system a savings of \$68,000.00. The upgrade will be completed in November of 2009. A copy of the proposal from Inflection Point Solutions LLC is attached.

The software is used to schedule and track pretreatment samples. Information is shared between this software and the Laboratory Information Management System (LIMS), with regards to the results of the samples that are collected. The agreement includes costs for complete software upgrade, one (1) year of support, go live training and license fees. The upgrade will provide for the following enhancements:

User Interface: web-page enhancements

Document Generation: documents will be custom designed by each user

Notification: interface with Outlook to provide user notifications of due and past due

Compliance Engines: enhanced compliance reporting

Data Conversion: integration with other City-wide reporting tools and software

Web-Based: allow each desk top to include the software and enhance support of DoT

**3. Informal bids received and prices for each:** Enfotech submitted an RFP in the amount of \$121, 780.00

**4. If lowest bid was not accepted, explain:** The Division of Sewerage and Drainage contacted Inflection Point Solutions LLC the current PIMS provider to discuss upgrade options to the current system which is Version 1.5.8 and is 8 years old. After negotiations with the Inflection Point and Pre-Treatment staff the current system can be upgraded to Version 10 for \$63,000.00. The Department of Public Utilities has made an operational decision in the best interest of the City of Columbus to enter into an agreement with the current software supplier for software upgrades instead of purchasing a new system a savings of \$68,000.00. The upgrade will be completed in November of 2009. A copy of the proposal from Inflection Point Solutions LLC is attached.