

**CITY OF COLUMBUS
SOLE SOURCE INFORMATION FORM**

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

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

- sole manufacturer/distributor
- sole company offering this unique service (manufacturer's warranty/product support)
- other Existing system proprietary in nature.

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2. Describe efforts to determine that the company was a sole source:
Virtual Partner is a proprietary software application developed and offered by Advanced Public Safety (APS) and is patented by the United States Patent & Trademark Office (U.S. Patent No. 6,621,422 and Patent No. 6,943,703 B2).

In addition to the Virtual Partner Solutions, APS also provides Zebra RW420 printers which include the following proprietary applications required for printing: wireless font downloader, citation mgmt software and driver font printer software.

Reference: Ordinance 1525-2006, approved by Columbus City Council on 10/2/06 authorized a contract between the Columbus Division of Police and Advanced Public Safety (APS) for Virtual Partner solutions. The E -Ticket pilot project interfaces with the Columbus Police Division, thus negating the need to use Virtual Partner Solutions.

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

Virtual Partner is the only solution on the market today that operates with Columbus Division of Police current mobile data system. No similar products on the market can be located that have the functionality that will allow the Columbus Division of Police and the Franklin County Municipal Court, Clerk of Court to electronically transfer the data from tickets, citations, and other field/form documents to any Records Management System (RMS) and /or Court System (CMS).

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

The costs for the software, equipment and interface were negotiated with supplier to ensure the best pricing for the City of Columbus and the Franklin County Municipal Court Clerk.

ORDINANCE #:

APPROVED BY:

Authorized Approval on Corresponding Legislative File

DATE:
