

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 180 calendar days)

- An unanticipated breakdown created an unplanned, emergency need.
- The item to be purchased is of a perishable nature, the price or availability will perish before formal bid process can be completed.
- 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: There is not enough time to obtain formally advertised, competitive sealed bids to satisfy the needs because:

2 Informal bid procedure used: YES NO Explain: On March 23, 2004, the Division of Sewerage and Drainage, Jackson Pike Wastewater Treatment Plant experienced a superstructure failure on the Dystor framework of Digester #1. The cover is part of the Biogas (methane) handling system at the wastewater treatment plant. The plant had to take immediate action to correct the structure and have it supported. If this structure did not receive immediate attention, there was a potential for the gas well to fall into the digester and the risk of an explosion.

The Jackson Pike Wastewater Treatment Plant immediately contacted the manufacturer of the Digester cover US Filter/Envirex Inc. The company immediately placed supports to reinforce the structure to diminish the risk of total collapse or explosion. However, the structure needs to be replaced and the risks of collapse and explosion are still present. US Filter/ Envirex will fabricate and then install a new cover which will take approximately 10 weeks to accomplish.

On May 30, 2005 a wind storm collapsed the structure into the digester which ripped the membranes causing gas to escape into the air. Though the digester is not in service, this situation has caused a reduction in capacity and could lead to by-pass to the Southerly Wastewater Treatment Plant which would create more stress on their treatment system. The additional work includes the temporary support of the structure, replacement of the inner and outer membrane, testing, re-inflation and restart of Digester #1

3. Informal bids received and prices for each:\$211,900.00

4 If lowest bid was not accepted, explain: NA