
**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. 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, the price or availability will perish before the formal bid process can be completed.
- ☐ Need to extend an existing contract for one 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: To prevent further delay of delivery due to long manufacturer lead times and to complete the purchase before the authority to use the funding expires.

2. Informal bid procedure used: ☒ Yes ☐ No Explain:

Prior experience with Bell helicopters as well as prior committee work and selection were considered while selecting Bell Helicopters as a vendor for this purchase, including pricing and value (both current and residual), performance, mission, payload/capability, maintenance and direct operating cost (DOC). Both manufactured products would meet or exceed CPD's goals and expectations. The Bell 505 Jet Ranger X is less expensive than the MD530F. Bell 505 - \$1.735M (base price) versus MD 530F - \$3.8M (base price). Bell 505 consumes less fuel per hour, allowing for greater fuel endurance than the MD530F and has fewer life limited parts reducing scheduled maintenance requirements, which will translate to lower operating costs.

3. Informal bids received and prices for each:

Bell 505- \$1.735M (base price); MD 530F- \$3.8M (base price).

4. If lowest bid was not accepted, Explain:

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