
**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: SoundThinking Inc. is the current vendor for this technology & ShotSpotter is their proprietary system. The City has been in contract with SoundThinking/ShotSpotter since 2018. Because of the established relationship with this contractor and the fact that they have technology in place at the required locations to interface with Columbus police equipment, it was not practical to bid out this service and incur start-up fees and breaks in coverage.

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

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3. Informal bids received and prices for each:

n/a

4. If lowest bid was not accepted, Explain:

n/a

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