
CITY OF COLUMBUS - SOLE SOURCE INFORMATION FORM

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

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

- ☐ Sole source manufacturer/distributor.
- ☐ Sole distributor authorized for this territory.
- ☐ Patented product purchased for owner/developer.
- ☐ Sole company offering this unique service.
- ☒ Other: **Maintenance of existing system proprietary in nature**

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

Based on the original RFP, MorphoTrak, Inc. (formerly Sagem Morpho) was awarded the contract in 1992 for the Automated Fingerprint Identification System (AFIS). The proprietary nature of AFIS technology and the prohibitive cost of conversion to a different system mandate the maintenance contract to our current system be purchased from the sole source provider of the existing proprietary system, MorphoTrak, Inc.

3. Describe efforts to determine/verify that the company is the sole source:

Due to the provisions set forth in the contract between MorphoTrak, Inc. and the City of Columbus Division of Police and the proprietary nature of AFIS Technology. MorphoTrak is the only possible supplier of the system we are using.

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

The maintenance costs are provided by MorphoTrak on a detailed spreadsheet to track equipment purchase dates, warranty effective dates, subsequent maintenance effective dates, including monthly subtotals and extended annual costs for a period of ten years.

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