
**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: This contract is manifestly impractical to bid.

2. Informal bid procedure used: Yes No Explain:

This project was not bid out as it was manifestly impractical to bid the original contract, and this is the fourth modification of the contract. It was manifestly impractical to bid for the professional services related to legal advice and development of a proactive plan to address per-and polyfluoroalkyl substances (PFAS) for the following reasons:

1. Erica Spitzig, Partner at Taft Stettinius & Hollister, LLP, is a legal expert on per-and polyfluoroalkyl substances (PFAS) and their relation to water. She speaks at national water conferences on legal considerations of the forthcoming federal regulations of PFAS.
2. Attorney Spitzig has a unique legal practice in that she represents municipal water utilities and other entities in regard to compliance and liabilities arising from PFAS in the environment.
3. Attorney Spitzig was previously Deputy General Counsel for the National Association of Clean Water Agencies (NACWA).

3. Informal bids received and prices for each:

N/A

4. If lowest bid was not accepted, Explain:

N/A

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