
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 189 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: Formal bids were received, however, they were considered on an informal basis.

2. Informal bid procedure used: **Yes** **No** **Explain:** Formal bids were received by the Purchasing Office on 1/5/2006. The Purchasing Office advertised and solicited competitive bids in accordance with Section 329.06. (Proposal No. SA001862). Three bids were received, All proposals were rejected by the City as all responsive bids exceeded anticipated costs by \$465,000.00. Upon approval by the Public Utilities Director, the Purchasing Office informally reconsidered all bids and entered into negotiations with the lowest numerical bidder. Completion of this waiver will allow the contract to be processed on an informal basis with the lowest and best bidder in the shortest time possible.

3. Informal bids received and prices for each: Formal bids, considered on an informal basis, after clarifications are as follows:
EPCO Carbon - \$1,154,436.00 (over term of contract)
BOC Gases - \$1,621,416.68 (over term of contract)
Air Liquide - \$2,274,918.00 (over term of contract)

4. If lowest bid was not accepted, Explain: Low bid was accepted.
