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**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)**

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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:

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2. Informal bid procedure used:       Yes       No      Explain:

Bid were opened June 25, 1998.

The Department of Technology/Telecommunications Division and the Finance Department/Purchasing Office negotiated a UTC modification that will increase our current Cisco hardware discount by 5%.

A reduction in Resource One's Cisco service costs from between \$5 per hour to \$170 per hour have been negotiated, this is dependant on the level of expertise and time the service is performed.

The Telecommunications Division's negotiations with Resource One enables the City to maintain the business continuity it has established with this vital UTC [provider]. Resource One has vast knowledge of the City of Columbus' infrastructure and is an important value added provider who has performed very well over the past years. There are projects currently under way (Fire Station connectivity) that Resource One is involved in that would have detrimental effect on the desired outcome and successful completion should the UTC need to be re-bid.

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3. Informal bids received and prices for each:      N/A

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4. If lowest bid was not accepted, Explain:      N/A

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