

**CITY OF COLUMBUS
SOLE SOURCE 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. Verification of sole source:
(Why no other individual or business is capable of supplying the needed item)

- sole manufacturer/distributor
- sole company offering this unique service (manufacturer's warranty/product support)
- other _____

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2. Describe efforts to determine that the company was a sole source:

B & L Associates has been the sole manufacturer and distributor of the software licenses, maintenance and support for the Software for the BL/LIB Tape Library Management System for the Unisys ClearPath and Libra mainframe systems since their inception into the Department of Technology (DoT) in August of 2001.

The Unisys Corporation who is the manufacturer of the ClearPath and Libra Mainframe Systems ensured that B & L were the sole source providers' of the BL/LIB Tape Library Management System for their product. Also extensive research has taken place by way of the World Wide Web to locate other manufactures that may provide the services for the Unisys Mainframe Systems, but to no avail none were found.

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

B & L Associates does not support, nor supply or make available to third party organizations the Tape Management Software that is needed for the Unisys Mainframe System.

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

One annual (12 months) quote for the Software Licenses and a separate annual (12 months) quote for the maintenance and support of the Software provided by the vendor B & L Associates Inc.

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