

**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. Reasons for waiving City Code bid procedure:

- emergency breakdown causing unplanned need
- item to be purchased is of a perishable nature
- need to extend an existing contract
- there is not enough time to obtain formal bids to satisfy need
- non-price error on either the bidder's or the City's part in the bid proposal
- a new law or regulation requires immediate compliance
- other OARnet maintenance and support has been ongoing for over ten (10) years.
The OARnet contract is a cooperative purchasing contract established under
ORC Section 127.16(D)(23), but is not an STS contract.

2. Detailed explanation of reason (must be completed by division):

OARnet is an initiative of the State of Ohio with Ohio State University functioning as its fiscal arm. It is the State of Ohio Cooperative Purchasing (CO-OP) membership that allows the purchase of VMware from OARnet. The State of Ohio does not have a state contract number or STS (State Term Schedule) associated with VMware. The State of Ohio is utilizing an existing Ohio Revised Code as their purchase authority for VMware: ORC 127.16(D)(23), Purchasing by Competitive Selection. Under this code, the State is allowed to purchase from other state agencies, including state-assisted institutions of higher education, without the restrictions related to non-competitive bids.

3. Informal procedure used:

- telephone quotations
- written quotations
- negotiations

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

5. If lowest bid was not accepted, explain criteria for award: N/A

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