
**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: There is a need to begin the development of this program as soon as possible and to take advantage of competitive contingency fees.

2. Informal bid procedure used: Yes No Explain:

Research and negotiation of contingency fee quotes: PCG was selected as the vendor for this purchase because PCG is the only vendor that is already familiar with Columbus's EMS data. In 2022, the City of Columbus contracted with PCG to conduct a yearlong project related to CMS' required Medicare Ground Ambulance Data Collection (MGADC). PCG is familiar with the intricacies that make the data unique to Columbus. Additionally, PCG is the only vendor that provides a full-service delivery model, including the use of a web-based solution. Furthermore, in recognition of Columbus's early adoption of the program and continued partnership with PCG, PCG has agreed to provide a lower contingency fee to the Department in the second and third year of the program, making their pricing most favorable in comparison to other vendors.

3. Informal bids received and prices for each:

The City will pay Ten Percent (10%) of the federal share portion of payments received by the City under the ASPP for the first annual cost reporting period submission, Eight Percent (8%) for the second cost reporting period, and Six Percent (6%) for the third cost reporting period.

4. If lowest bid was not accepted, Explain:

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