

**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:

At the Association of Firearms and Toolmark Examiners meeting, criminalists from the City of Columbus Division of Police Crime Lab Unit examine and spoke with manufacturers on this type of equipment. Only this microscope was able to give the higher magnification needed and in addition only this scope was able to provide removal of the entire stage for large items in forensic comparison. Leeds Precision Instrument, Inc. is the sole manufacturer and distributor of this microscope.

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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:

No other microscope meets the magnification needed for crime lab analysis. This scope allows for magnification range of 6X-80X. No other comparison scope that is used for firearms/toolmark comparison can provide that much magnification.

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

Negotiations with the supplier for items were conducted to insure the best pricing for the City of Columbus.

ORDINANCE #:

APPROVED BY:

Authorized Approval on Corresponding Legislative File

DATE:
