
**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: As a result of various system and equipment failures/malfunctions at the Data Center, the Department of Technology has selected one comprehensive vendor with the expertise to manage all equipment under one umbrella contract. Previously there were five (5) separate vendors which caused inefficiencies in routine support and maintenance which was not efficient nor cost effective. The UPS (uninterrupted power supply) system and various other equipment are interconnected and all support will now be under one vendor eliminating the confusion and increasing the efficiency.

2. Informal bid procedure used: ☐ Yes ☒ No Explain:

Given the circumstances listed above the Department of Technology respectfully requests this waiver of competitive bidding.

3. Informal bids received and prices for each:

Not Applicable - The vendor Vertiv Services, Inc. provided a quote document that was accepted by the City of Columbus, Department of Technology.

4. If lowest bid was not accepted, Explain:

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