
**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: Continuity of specialized 340B pharmaceutical services.

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

Columbus Public Health's 340B pharmaceuticals are currently being procured from vendors awarded from a public bid. Crosby's Drugs stores all of these tuberculosis medications and distributes to our patients based on physician/APRN orders as well as fulfills compound pharmaceuticals. There is a national supply chain shortage of TB medications rendering them unavailable from our contracted suppliers. This has greatly increased the cost of TB medications. Crosby's is able to source these medications from other suppliers on an emergency basis when unavailable which has resulted in the contract exceeding \$50,000.00.

3. Informal bids received and prices for each:

n/a

4. If lowest bid was not accepted, Explain:

Impractical to bid - Crosby Drugs is the only HRSA 340B approved Contract Pharmacy in Central Ohio that supplies tuberculosis medications. Pharmacy services are currently ongoing with Crosby's Drugs and a disruption to those services could be harmful to patients being treated at the Ben Franklin TB Clinic. Pharmacist and pharmacist technician services for the Ben Franklin TB Clinic, includes receipt, off-site storage, re-packaging, labeling, tracking, and dispensing of CPH-owned 340B drugs to TB patients. Crosby's is familiar with TB clinic prescribing processes, including medication handling, compounding, invoicing, Medicaid billing reconciliation and distribution of 340B medications utilized by the clinic.

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