
**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: see below

2. Informal bid procedure used: Yes No Explain:

The contract for services is expiring and the Division of Police wishes to continue services with the existing vendor, LexisNexis. Prior to the execution of the prior contract (March 2008-February 2012) with the Division of Police, Lexis Nexis had acquired 2 (of 3) of their closest competitors; Accurint and Choicepoint. Both vendors had previously been used by the Division of Police for their respective and different, proprietary products. Entersect, another vendor used by the Division in the past, continues to provide limited features and is no longer comparable to LexisNexis, largely due to the acquisition of its competitors.

3. Informal bids received and prices for each:

4. If lowest bid was not accepted, Explain:

City of Columbus first contracted with Lexis Nexis in 2007 to obtain access to the Accurint computer Database system. This database is a vital tool in the investigative process in obtaining data from across the country and within the state on criminal activity and individuals. Lexis Nexis provides an unparalleled comprehensive database not provided by another organization that also integrates with the City's Premier One system. With daily access, this vital tool is paramount to operations, investigations and solving crimes within the City. Therefore, the Division of Police requests a bid waiver to continue services with this vendor.

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