
CITY OF COLUMBUS - SOLE SOURCE INFORMATION FORM

TO ACCOMPANY LEGISLATION WHICH WAIVES
ANY PROVISIONS OF COLUMBUS CITY CODE CHAPTER 329.
(LIMIT YOUR RESPONSE TO THIS SHEET)

1. Verification of sole source: (Why no other individual or business entity is capable of supplying the needed item/service.)

- Sole source manufacturer/distributor.
- Sole distributor authorized for this territory.
- Patented product purchased for owner/developer.
- Sole company offering this unique service.
- Other: **Upgrade existing system proprietary in nature**

2. Describe any effort to bid for alternate item (service or product) that is not provided by a sole source that would meet this need:

In 2001 the Division of Police requested \$2.5 million dollars from the Congressional Mandate Earmark for updated AFIS technology and the request was rejected. Funding sources for large projects are limited. The plan was re-evaluated in 2003 and a new proposal was submitted for just over \$1.5 million. The City was awarded \$750,000 from the 2004 Congressional Mandate Award for an upgrade to the existing system.

The Division of Police created an RFI with Palm AFIS as the primary focus. However research into the AFIS market place indicated that due to the proprietary nature of AFIS technology, interfaces between systems can difficult. Specific functionality goals were detailed in the request for funding that requires the tenprint and palm print AFIS to function as one. The cost to replace the existing AFIS with the required functionality stated in the funding request, connectivity with Franklin County and other law enforcement in the Greater Columbus area was far beyond the funds that were allocated. Upgrading the existing system could be accomplished within the parameters of the budget. The RFI was never published.

3. Describe efforts to determine/verify that the company is the sole source:

In 1991 the City of Columbus issued an RFI/RFP to purchase an Automated Fingerprint Identification System. Sagem Morpho was selected via that process in 1992 and it has been a successful relationship. Sagem Morpho has been reliable and consistent over the past 13 years. All AFIS systems are proprietary in nature. It has been determined that to purchase a new AFIS system with conversion cost with the functionality needed to fulfill grant requirements would exceed the federal dollars granted. Upgrading the present system will give the AFIS the functionality needed while staying within the parameters of the budget. Therefore, Sagem Morpho is the only company that can provide the necessary upgrade services to achieve the goals detailed in the grant requests. Funds have been secured through Homeland Security, as well as the 2004 and 2005 BJA Congressional Mandated Earmark but those funds are limited. The proposal was very specific regarding the increase of functionality that includes a Palm Prints AFIS database, new live scan units, Fast and Mobile Identification, Archive system, and required connectivity with other law enforcement agencies. In order to achieve these goals, all the systems must interface, therefore mandating an upgrade to our current system, making it a sole source purchase.

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

Ordinance No.: _____
Approved By: Authorized Approval on Corresponding Legislative File
