
**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 : The Purchasing Office advertised and solicited competitive bids (RFQ002564) for the purchase of Transformers for the Electrical Distribution System for the Division of Power in accordance with relevant provision of Section 329 of the Columbus City Code. Eighty-seven (87) vendors were solicited and two (2) bids were received and opened on September 22, 2016.

The Division of Power has completed their review of the bids submitted by Wesco Distribution and Utility Supply and Construction Company and both companies have been deemed non-responsive to the bid specifications. The exceptions submitted by each company were reviewed to determine which items meet or exceed "technical" requirements and then award that item to the lowest bidder that meets those requirements. Note: Exceptions to "non-technical" requirements have not been taken into account when determining the award. Due to the critical nature of the equipment required and deadlines associated with year-end closing, the Division of Power is requesting that that the competitive bidding provisions of the Columbus City Code be waived to award each item as outlined below.

Utility Supply and Construction Company as the lowest bidder for Items 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 12 and 18 and meets all technical requirements of the bid specifications.

Wesco Distribution as the lowest bidder for Items 7, 9, 10, 11, 13, 14, 15, 16 and 17 and meets all technical requirements of the bid specifications.

Utility Supply and Construction Company was the lowest bidder on Item 8, however they do not meet the technical requirements of the bid specifications. The bid specifications require the transformer be painted on all sides (top, sides, and bottom). Utility Supply and Construction Company took exception to painting the bottom of the transformer. The second low bidder is Wesco Distribution and meets all technical requirements of the bid specifications.

Wesco Distribution was the lowest bidder on Items 19, 20, 21, 22, 23, 24, 25, 26, 27 and 28 but does not meet the technical requirements of the bid specifications. The bid specifications require CLT draw out dry-well current fuses or approved equal and Wesco Distribution bid bayonets in-series with under oil

current limiting fuses. The second low bidder is Utility Supply and Construction Company and meets all technical requirements of the bid specifications.

Wesco Distribution was the lowest bidder on Items 29 and 30 but does not meet the technical requirements of the bid specifications. The bid specifications require a K-Factor 20 transformer and Wesco Distribution bid a K-Factor 4 transformer. The second low bidder is Utility Supply and Construction Company and meets all technical requirements of the bid specifications.

The Division of Power recommends the following award:

Utility Supply and Construction Company is awarded 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 12, 18, 19, 20, 21, 22, 23, 24, 25, 26, 27, 28, 29 and 30 in the total amount of \$1,006,000.00.

Wesco Distribution is awarded 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 13, 14, 15, 16 and 17 in the total amount of \$319,210.00.

2. Informal bid procedure used: Yes No **Explain:**

N/A

3. Informal bids received and prices for each:

N/A

4. If lowest bid was not accepted, Explain:

N/A

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