

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. Reasons for waiving City Code bid procedure:

- emergency breakdown causing unplanned need
- item to be purchased is of a perishable nature
- need to extend an existing contract
- there is not enough time to obtain formal bids to satisfy need
- non-price error on either the bidder's or the City's part in the bid proposal
- a new law or regulation requires immediate compliance
- other _____
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2. Detailed explanation of reason (must be completed by division):

Over two years ago Smith Wesson, manufacturer notified the Division of Police that they would no longer manufacture the current service pistol used by the Division for all of their officers. The Division of Police began an evaluation for a new service pistol. Search criteria used to evaluate pistols was based on reliability, ergonomics – ambidextrous, mechanics, controllability and sights.

3. Informal procedure used:

- telephone quotations
- written quotations
- negotiations
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4. Informal bids received and prices for each:

The following pistols were considered in .40 caliber S&W and .45 caliber ACP; Beretta, Glock, Heckler & Koch, Kimber, SigArms, Smith & Wesson, Ruger, Springfield Arms and FN Herstal. Springfield Arms, FN Herstal, Beretta, Heckler & Koch and Ruger were eliminated due to not meeting ergonomics – ability to accommodate a variety of hand sizes. Glock was eliminated due to need to pull trigger to disassemble weapon (resulting in high incident of accidental discharge). SigArms double action/single action pistol was eliminated since the magazine release lever was usually activated unintentionally when the operator activated the slide release lever. Kimber, a single action pistol was eliminated due to the high level of training that is required to safely operate a single action semi-automatic in a police environment. Smith & Wesson 4566 TSW in .45 ACP was eliminated due to excessive recoil and SigArms P226 double action only was suspended from consideration due to reliability issues.

During the search Smith & Wesson introduced a new pistol and made modifications to the pistol based upon feedback from the Division of Police. This new pistol Smith & Wesson M&P .40 caliber was fired over 50,000 rounds in six pistols and the first three pistols fired over 30,000 rounds during testing. Overwhelming positive feedback from Ordnance staff and Division members who test fired the new pistol. Another benefit is the interchangeable palm swell grip sizes allowing accommodation for any size hand to fit every officer allowing for higher levels of skill. Additional features are ambidextrous slide stop lever,

reversible magazine release button which accommodates left hand shooters, disassembly without pulling trigger, pistol weighs 1.51 pounds unloaded compared to current pistol is 2.5 pounds unloaded.

For all of reasons listed above Division of Police is requesting to trade our current pistol which is no longer manufactured for a Smith Wesson M&P pistol which meant our evaluation criteria.

It is crucial that we purchase/trade a new service pistol since our current model is discontinued and repair parts are not available any longer and new recruits would have to be issued a different type of pistol. The Division of Police must have a standardized pistol for safety, security and training of all police officers.

5. If lowest bid was not accepted, explain criteria for award:

Negotiations were conducted with Smith & Wesson manufacturer of the pistol selected for the Division of Police. Smith & Wesson has agreed to an even trade of our current pistol with the new Smith Wesson M&P pistol. No City funds are needed to complete the exchange of the Division of Police service pistol to the new model of pistol.

ORDINANCE #:

APPROVED

BY:

DATE:

Authorized Approval on Corresponding Legislative File
