
**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: It has been demonstrated through previous bids that OARnet pricing discounts for VMWare software are greater than can be achieved through the bid process. In a previous VMWare purchase, OARnet pricing was 40% lower than the lowest bid response. That is a projected savings of over \$116,000 on this purchase.

2. Informal bid procedure used: Yes No Explain:

This purchase is from the State of Ohio Virtualization Program for \$170,831.53 and is a critical part of a capital project for virtualization. As previously mentioned above, It has been demonstrated through previous bids that OARnet pricing discounts for VMWare software are greater than can be achieved through the bid process. In a previous VMWare purchase, OARnet pricing was 40% lower than the lowest bid response. That is a projected savings of over \$116,000 on this purchase.

3. Informal bids received and prices for each:

NA

4. If lowest bid was not accepted, Explain:

NA

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