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**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)**

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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: \_\_\_\_\_

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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.

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3. Informal bids received and prices for each:

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4. If lowest bid was not accepted, Explain:

The Division wishes to maintain the current level of services received by Lexis Nexis at the lowest cost and in the most cost effective manner. To this end, the Division acknowledges that Lexis Nexis has acquired comparable competitors; provides dedicated personnel for on-site database training to Division investigative personnel during all shifts and it would be cost prohibitive to re-train Division personnel on a brand new system; is utilized by surrounding law enforcement jurisdictions; and therefore, it is deemed to be in the best interest of the Division of Police to continue vital services with this vendor.

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