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)

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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:

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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:

Hach is the manufacturer of Hach WIMS and Hach JOB Cal software products for the data management of operations, laboratory and maintenance specific to water and wastewater facilities. These solutions are based on products and technologies that came with Hach's December 2008 acquisition of OPS Systems. Switching products would require extensive staff training on a different application's processes and language, thereby decreasing efficiency and work productivity. WIMS was implemented in 2009, as part of the Laboratory Information Management System (LIMS) projects. As the system is relatively new, it would not be in the City's best interest to bid for an alternate item at this time. Hach is the sole provider of maintenance and support for the WIMS system, so it is also manifestly impractical to obtain the needed service by bidding for an alternate item.

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

Inquired with The Hach Company to determine if they utilized resellers to provide WIMS software maintenance and support. Searched on the internet to verify. Hach has verified by letter that they are the sole source for renewal of the custom application (proprietary software) that is used by Department of Public Utilities.

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

Obtained price quote from vendor.

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