

**CITY OF COLUMBUS  
SOLE SOURCE 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. Verification of sole source:  
(Why no other individual or business is capable of supplying the needed item)

- ☐ sole manufacturer/distributor
- ☒ sole company offering this unique service (manufacturer's warranty/product support)
- ☐ other \_\_\_\_\_

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2. Describe efforts to determine that the company was a sole source:

Simplex is the manufacturer and distributor of DOSD's branded fire alarm systems at SMOC, JPWWTP and SWWTP, and Johnson Controls Fire Protection LP (JCFP) district offices are the **ONLY** factory trained and certified service providers for the 4100 series fire alarm system. The JCFP office in Dublin, Ohio has multiple factory technicians with the latest training and active certifications for Simplex installed fire alarm systems. JCFP's technicians have access to the latest software revisions and product bulletins. Non Simplex certified technicians without licensed software should not perform programming activities on our systems. Improperly serviced systems can void applicable warranties.

The 4100, 4010, 4020, and other series Fire Alarm Systems are microprocessor-based systems, which operate on a life safety software program, which is **proprietary** to Simplex. This program is specially designed to meet the operational requirements of our facilities. There is no commercially available education manuals available from which a non-Simplex factory trained technician can qualify to field edit our programs, change labels or functionality, or operate the system as required to maintain the system properly. The software is retained in "read only" memory to allow **password-protected** field editing by factory trained, authorized personnel.

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3. Describe any effort to bid for alternate item (service or product) that is not provided by a sole source that would meet this need:

If a non-proprietary service provider were to create a **major system failure** it could not only create a negative financial impact to our facility but could cause our system to be inoperable for an extended period of time. This would create a major life safety and operating problem for our facilities.

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

1. Johnson Controls Fire Protection (Simplex Grinnell) holds the State of Ohio Master Maintenance Agreement (MMA) 7482 for Facility Maintenance & Management, in which fire & life safety services and inspections can be procured. These prices have been extended to the City of Columbus.
2. Recent inspection reports used to verify scope of work and past contract used for pricing comparison. Price has been held for the past 5 years.

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