

**DETERMINATION AND FINDINGS  
FOR  
SOLE SOURCE PROCUREMENT**

**FINDINGS**

**1. Authorization:**

19 DCMR § 4320.7.

**2. Minimum Need:**

The District of Columbia Public Library has a need to purchase computers called Early Literacy Stations for children's areas in DC Public Library locations, Anacostia, Chevy Chase, Dorothy Height/Benning, Deanwood, Lamond-Riggs, Martin Luther King, Jr. Memorial, Northwest One, Parklands-Turner, William O. Lockridge/Bellevue and Woodridge Libraries.

**3. Estimated Fair and Reasonable Price:**

\$ 33,473.00

**4. Facts That Justify a Sole Source Procurement:**

- A. The DCPL provides access to books, media and online resources to support the overall mission. The Library provides online access to electronic resources to assist children and young adult with early literacy development and beginning learning skills in computer technology.
- B. Alternative Works Environments, Inc. (AWE) develops products that libraries use to focus on education and information. AWE has Early Literacy Stations to aid the development of literacy needs of children and the content requirements of customers of all ages. AWE has the knowledge base and experience for leading the market in developing and delivering quality educational and public access products.
- C. The Early Literacy Station™ (ELS) is the first in a series of electronic educational solutions that target toddlers through second graders. The ELS is a self-contained system that is ready to use right out of the box. It includes thirty-four educational software packages across seven curricular areas, top rated by Children's Technology Review. The ELS has an imaginative interface that encourages exploration. It comes with a colorful keyboard and tiny mouse. The hardware equipment and software products is specifically designed for the size and reading levels of children 2 to 7 years old.

D. Alternative Work Environments, Inc. is the sole source for the Early Literacy Station™ (ELS) and the sole source vendor and supplier for the Early Literacy Stations.

5. **Certification By the Contract Specialist:**

I hereby certify that the above facts are accurate and complete.

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Contract Specialist

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Date

**DETERMINATION**

Based on the above findings and in accordance with the DCPL procurement regulations, 19 DCMR § 4320.7 I hereby determine that the award of a sole source contract for the services described herein is in the best interest of the D.C. Public Library.

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Contracting Officer

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Date