

**DETERMINATION AND FINDINGS
FOR
SOLE SOURCE PROCUREMENT**

FINDINGS

1. Authorization:

19 DCMR § 4320.7.

2. Minimum Need:

The District of Columbia Public Library received a two (2) year sub grant of \$1.5 million as part of a larger grant to OCTO through the American Recovery and Reinvestment ACT (ARRA) Broadband Technology Opportunity (BTOP) program, under the Sustainable Broadband Adoption (SBA) category. This is the final year of the grant.

The grant provides free computer classes to 1,600 District residents at neighborhood libraries. Up to 1,600 low-income residents who complete the courses will receive a free refurbished computer from First Time Computers, and 1,000 will receive a year of free Internet service from Cricket Communications.

3. Estimated Fair and Reasonable Price:

\$91,550.00

4. Facts That Justify a Sole Source Procurement:

- A.** There is a huge low-income population in the District without access to the economic, cultural, and educational opportunities available through broadband Internet. Providing these opportunities to those who lack them is an important mission of the DC Public Library.

This program has three primary components to remedy the problem: (1) training, (2) computers and (3) broadband access.

- B.** Under this program, Byte Back, a nonprofit computer and job training center, is providing registration, instruction and other services related to offering the classes. The classes that are offered will include a 12-part basic computer literacy course, a 24-part Microsoft Office and job readiness course. In addition, customized classes will be offered to special populations, including classes for senior citizens, classes for foster kids, and computer classes in Spanish and in American Sign Language.

- C. First Time Computers will provide a refurbished desktop computer to graduates of the classes.
- D. Once students learn how to use the computer and receive a free computer, they need to have access to the Internet to take advantage of economic, cultural, and educational opportunities. Under the terms of the grant, Cricket Communications has agreed to provide Internet access to low-income graduates of the classes described above.
- E. Cricket Communications is identified by name in the Broadband Technology Opportunity program grant as the non-governmental partner that will deliver this access.
- F. Funding for this project is partially contingent on Cricket Communication's participation.
- G. Cricket has agreed to provide a \$150,000 match for the program.
- H. In consideration of the above, there are no other sources for broadband services.

5. Certification By the Contract Specialist:

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

Contract Specialist

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.

Contracting Officer

Date