

**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 Unabridged Audiobooks on CD for Adults, Teens and Children from AudioGO (formerlyBBC Audiobooks America) – Chivers North America d/b/a AudioGo.

3. Estimated Fair and Reasonable Price:

\$17,000.00.

4. Facts That Justify a Sole Source Procurement:

- A. The mission of the District of Columbia Public Library is to provide equitable access to information tailored to customer needs, equipping people to learn all their lives, to embrace diversity and to build a thriving city. To support the mission, the Library purchases material in a variety of formats currently in use by our patrons. The purchase of unabridged audiobooks on compact disc (CD) has become an essential need. Books are recorded and packaged in a case suitable for library circulation, and listened to by customers at home, in their car, on mp3 players, smartphones, computers, etc. They are particularly popular with commuters, the visually impaired, students and those who have challenges reading.
- B. AudioGO Audiobooks (formerly BBC Audiobooks America) publishes and distributes unabridged audiobooks and radio dramatizations. – They carry over 3,000 titles which are library exclusive editions. AudioGO Audiobooks bids on and obtains rights to publish and package titles specifically to circulate in public libraries. Packages include special sleeves and boxes designed for protections of the media with replacement components available.
- C. AudioGO Audiobooks titles include Sound Library (unabridged bestsellers from both the US and UK), Multi-voiced (including BBC Radio Collections) and Children’s Audiobooks. AudioGO Audiobooks is the sole source

distributor of library editions that are specially packaged for multiple circulations, copyrighted and have replacement components available.

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