

**DETERMINATION AND FINDINGS
FOR
SOLE SOURCE PROCUREMENT**

FINDINGS

1. Authorization:

19 DCMR § 4320.7.

2. Minimum Need:

The DC Public Library has the need to procure Spanish Language materials for adults, young adults and children from Bilingual Publications, exclusive distributor of materials from Spain, Mexico, Peru and USA.

3. Estimated Fair and Reasonable Price:

\$15,000.00

4. Facts That Justify a Sole Source Procurement:

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. In recent years, the Spanish-speaking community in the District of Columbia has seen substantial growth and DCPL must begin purchasing more materials in Spanish to serve these residents. To do so, they must contract with a series of vendors, all with unique services and/or exclusive offerings.

Spanish language materials for adults, young adults and children from Bilingual Publications, exclusive distributor of materials from Spain, Mexico, Peru and USA. **Sole distributor of contemporary fiction and literature titles from Latin America.**

Bilingual Publications provides exclusive access to materials in Spanish from the following publishers which are limited to Bilingual Publications:

FOR CHILDREN

- **Algar.** Spain
- **Una Luna.** Argentina
- **Edimater.** Spain
- **Bella Terra.** Spain

- **El zorro rojo.** Spain
- **Colibri.** Mexico

FOR YOUNG ADULTS

- **Editorial Norma.** Spain
- **Egales.** Spain
- **Sirpus.** Spain

FOR ADULTS

- **Videocinco.** Spain
- **Editorial Colibri.** Mexico
- **Editorial Difusion.** Spain
- **Marcombo Ediciones.** Spain
- **Editorial Veintisiete Letras.** Spain
- **Editorial Stonewall.** Spain

The materials available through these publishers are essential for building a legitimate collection of Spanish materials. The exclusive arrangements that Bilingual Publications has with these publishers validates the sole source claim.

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