

**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 Venezuela, Columbia and U. S. language materials for adults, young adults and children from publishers exclusively distributed by Lectorum Publications. The listed materials are only available through Lectorum.

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. DCPL must establish broader collections in libraries through the purchase of materials from Venezuela, Columbia and the US to serve these residents. To do so, DCPL must contract with a series of vendors, all with unique services and/or exclusive offerings.

Lectorum Publications is the sole distributor in the U.S. for essential translations from Venezuela, Columbia and the U.S to build the children and young adult collections.

Lectorum Publications provides exclusive access to materials from the following publishers which are limited to Lectorum Publications:

Venezuela
Ekaré

Columbia
Babel
Panamericana

United States
Lectorum Publications

The materials available through these publishers are essential for building a legitimate collection of materials. The exclusive arrangements that Lectorum 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