DETERMINATION AND FINDINGS
FOR
SOLE SOURCE PROCUREMENT

FINDINGS

1. **Authorization:**

   19 DCMR § 4320.7.

2. **Minimum Need:**

   The District of Columbia Public Library (DCPL) supports Children’s Day/Book Day (El Día de los Niños/El Día de los Libros) through unique programming geared for children. These programs have specific topics, outcomes, and appeal that address the nationally observed celebration under the auspices of the Association for Library Service to Children, a division of the American Library Association. DCPL is participating in this bilingual literacy initiative for the fifth year and won an award for the quality of its programming in 2012. “Día” programs are designed to reach out to children and their families and provide them with a unique experience they wouldn’t otherwise have access to.

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

   $3,500.00

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

   A. Since 1992, Maru Montero Dance Company has been Washington DC’s premier Latin American dance company. The Company has been featured at prestigious venues including the Kennedy Center, the White House, and the Smithsonian Institute.

   B. Maru Montero Dance Company creates unique shows that promote cultural education including performances, school workshops, and after school programs.

   C. Maru Montero Dance Company has presented programming for “Día” in DCPL branches in the past. They have a large following in the community and their previous programs were well attended. DCPL staff is extremely confident in the quality of these programs.

   D. Maru Montero Dance Company is providing 7 performances at DCPL locations from Monday, April 29 through Friday, May 3, 2013. Based on
the number and frequency of programs Maru Montero Dance Company will be presenting at the DC Public Library branches, this is a fair and reasonable price.

Therefore, Maru Montero Dance Company is the best and most cost-effective choice for this project.

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

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

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   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.

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Chief Procurement Officer                Date