

**DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA LIBRARY
DETERMINATION & FINDINGS FOR MANDATORY SET-ASIDE OF
CONTRACTS \$250,000.00 OR LESS**

1. AUTHORIZATION

DC Official Code Section § 2-218.44 and 2-218.45

2. MINIMUM NEED

The District of Columbia Public Library (DCPL) is seeking a Contractor to provide all labor, supervision, tools, equipment, supplies, furniture protection and other items needed to deliver and install induction loop listening systems in the large meeting rooms at five (5) DC Public Library locations.

3. CONTRACTOR

Duartek, Inc.

4. ESTIMATED REASONABLE PRICE

\$68,248.00

5. FACTS WHICH JUSTIFY AWARD TO OTHER THAN A CERTIFIED SMALL BUSINESS ENTERPRISE (SBE) OR CERTIFIED BUSINESS ENTERPRISE (CBE) CONTRACTOR

DCPL Office Procurement issued a Request for Quote (RFQ) on June 2, 2017 to two (2) Small-Business Enterprises (SBEs) and two (2) non-SBE. The Procurement Office received responses from the one (1) non-SBE and one (1) SBE by the submission deadline of June 7, 2017.


After careful review both price quotes, the Program Office favors the non-SBE, even though its quote is higher than the SBE's quoted price. The Program Office determined that the non-SBE's proposal to be much more detailed and comprehensive, addressing the full array of A/V needs in relation to installing induction loop listening systems, including the inclusion of 3 loop receivers per room, which the SBE omitted in its price quote. Also, unlike the SBE, the non-SBE is certified in CTS (Certified Technology Specialist), which is pertinent to the requisition at hand.

Therefore, a purchase order was issued on August 3, 2017 to Duartek, Inc.

6. CERTIFICATION BY THE CONTRACT SPECIALIST

I have reviewed the above findings and certify that they are sufficient to justify the procurement of goods and services from other than a SBE or CBE contractor in accordance with DC Official Code Section 2-218.44 and 2-218.45 and recommend that the Chief Procurement Officer approve this proposed action


8/3/2017
Date


Darryn A. Martin
Contract Specialist

DETERMINATION

Based on the above findings and in accordance with the DCPL Procurement Regulations, DC Official Code Section 2-218.44 and 2-218.45, I hereby determine that the award of this procurement action for the goods or services described herein is in the best interest of the District of Columbia Public Library.

8/3/17
Date


Diane Wooden
Chief Procurement Officer