

**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) has a need for a vendor to provide locks and keys for its Martin Luther King, Jr. Memorial Library and Branch Libraries.

**3. CONTRACTOR**

Blaydes Industries, Inc.

**4. ESTIMATED REASONABLE PRICE**

\$2,500.00

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

The DCPL Office of Procurement issued a Request for Quote (RFQ) on October 25, 2017 to three (3) Small-Business Enterprises (SBEs) and two (2) non-SBEs. The Procurement Office received responses from two (2) non-SBEs, a no-bid response from one (1) SBE, and a response by one (1) SBE by the submission deadline of October 27, 2017. After examining the pricing submitted by the SBE and by visiting said SBE's home office, the Program Office determined that the SBE's supplies do not meet its specific requirements, where one of the non-SBEs does.

Specifically, the Program Office uses commercial locks and accessories such as Adams Rite, Mortise Cylinders and Locks, L Series, ND Series, as well as specialty padlocks at all branch libraries. The responding SBE does not provide any of these items, whereby only one (1) of the responding non-SBEs provides all of the above.

Therefore, a purchase order was issued on November 29, 2017 to Blaydes Industries, 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.

11/30/17  
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.

11/30/17  
Date

  
Diane Wooden  
Chief Procurement Officer