

**DETERMINATION AND FINDINGS
FOR
SOLE SOURCE PROCUREMENT**

FINDINGS

1. Authorization:

19 DCMR § 4320.7.

2. Minimum Need:

The District of Columbia Public Library has a need to purchase unabridged audiobooks on compact disc (CD) and Playaway from Recorded Books (a format device on which proprietary content is recorded) for adults, young adults and children.

3. Estimated Fair and Reasonable Price:

\$60,000.00.

4. Facts That Justify a Sole Source Procurement:

A. 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, and to embrace diversity and to build a thriving city. To support the mission, the Library has a need to purchase material in a variety of formats currently in use by our patrons. The purchase of unabridged audio books on compact disc (CD) and Playaway has become an essential need. Books, plays, lectures, language learning etc. are recorded and packaged in a case suitable for library circulation, and listened to by patrons at home, in their car, etc. They are particularly popular with commuters, the visually impaired and those who have trouble reading.

B. Recorded Books, LLC, has been recording and publishing unabridged audio books since 1979. They currently hold over 10,000 titles, all of them copyrighted by Recorded Books, LLC, and registered with the United States Copyright Office. Each unabridged audio book produced by Recorded Books, LLC, is assigned a unique ISBN number by the Library of Congress. Their audio books are professionally recorded in a studio, and come packaged in a durable, double vinyl album.

C. All audiobooks published by Recorded Books, LLC as well as Class Sets, Homework Packs, Smart Readers, Steady Readers, Instant Lessons, Adapted

Classics, English for You! and Early Readers are available only from Recorded Books, LLC. Recorded Books is the exclusive copyright holder and sole supplier for these products.

D. Recorded Books is the sole provider for the Modern Scholar lecture series, Classics, Evergreen Audiobooks, Pimsleur Language Programs for Libraries, One-Click downloadable audiobooks, and Recorded Books produced titles on Playaway devices.

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