

**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 procure books and learning activity resources for children and young adults from Scholastic Library Publishing.

3. Estimated Fair and Reasonable Price:

\$32,957.00

4. Facts That Justify a Sole Source Procurement:

- A.** The District of Columbia Public Library provides ongoing reading and e-learning programs for children and young adults which support the system overall mission. Additionally, the Library offers books and learning materials to reinforce literacy to children, teens and families of the District of Columbia. Book Flix, True Flix and Freedom Flix are part of the online reading literacy program.
- B.** The District of Columbia Public Library is a member of the Scholastic Library Publishing (LP). Membership in the (LP) program provides eligible organizations with deep discounts on a wide range of juvenile and young adult paperback and board books- sturdy cardboard hardcover books for babies and toddlers, as well as a variety of free books, resources and information designed specifically to help support their literacy efforts. Organizations partnering with (LP) must give the books to children and young adults participating in the literacy initiatives and programs. Benefits of this membership include:
- Discounts up to 80% off List Price
 - Ten FREE Bonus Books for every \$150 spent
 - FREE shipping and handling
 - FREE subscription to Literacy Link, the Scholastic Literacy Partnerships newsletter

- C. The (LP) is a program to support the literacy efforts of organizations nationwide. It is a growing network of 5,000 literacy programs that share one common goal: getting more books into the hands and homes of needy children and families. Scholastic Library Publishing provides deep discounts on a wide range of quality juvenile and young adult paperback and board books, as well as free bonus books. It also provides other free tools and resources designed specifically to meet their needs.
- D. (LP) is the sole source for books and learning resources of juvenile and young adult materials through its member's service.

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