DETERMINATION AND FINDINGS
FOR
SOLE SOURCE PROCUREMENT

FINDINGS

1. **Authorization:**

   19 DCMR § 4320.7.

2. **Minimum Need:**

   The District of Columbia Public Library’s (DCPL) minimum need is to purchase annual maintenance and a license for the SirsiDynix Unicorn Library Management System.

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

   $99,199.65

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

   A. In 1999 the District of Columbia Public Library purchased the SirsiDynix Unicorn Integrated Library System using the sole source method of procurement. This system is used to control and report on the flow of materials through the library, and to report on library usage and employee performance. Historical and current data on all library transactions and collections are kept and reported by this system. It is the system of record for all library transactions and employee activity.

   B. Sirsi Corporation d/b/a SirsiDynix (“SirsiDynix”) is the developer and sole provider for all SirsiDynix software and specialized services.

   C. Unicorn is a propriety software product that is only available from SirsiDynix and SirsiDynix retains the exclusive trade, copyright, trade secret and patent rights to the Unicorn software.

   D. SirsiDynix has sole knowledge of the development of the software and certain configuration requirements that is exclusive to the Unicorn software.

   E. In consideration of the above, SirsiDynix is the only source able to provide the maintenance and license required by DCPL.
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          Date