

**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 [1] Espresso Book Machine.

3. Estimated Fair and Reasonable Price:

\$115,000.00

4. Facts That Justify a Sole Source Procurement:

- A. The District of Columbia Public Library "Digital Commons" project will offer many possibilities to residents, community partners, and entrepreneurs --- with a focus on digital literacy and digital collaboration. There will also be a book espresso machine, along with many Internet PCs and iMacs, media/graphic creation stations, express computers, an eResources discovery station, an eReader Device bar with several types of readers, 3D printer, Skype station, video phone for ASL, smart boards, a 50 person meeting area and several conference spaces.
- B. On-Demand Books, LLC is the developer and sole provider for all "on-demand" book production known as the Espresso Book Machine [EBM], consisting of specialized software and services that allows users to operate the EBM and also allows users to access *On-Demand Books*.
- C. Also unique to the EBM is the *ExpressNet* software, which provides a catalogue of content in an electronic format suitable for production on the EBM, enabling the encrypted transmission of such content, and allows for detailed transaction reporting.
- D. Particularly, the EBM is unique and works directly in tandem with the company software.
- E. On-Demand Books, LLC has sole knowledge of the development of the EBM software and certain configuration requirements that is exclusive.

F. In consideration of the above, On-Demand Books, LLC is the only source able to provide the EBM license and software required by DCPL

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