

**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 an online subscription from Oxford University Press which includes African American Studies Center, Grove Art and Grove Music and Oxford English Dictionary Online 2013.

3. Estimated Fair and Reasonable Price:

\$38,883.39

4. Facts That Justify a Sole Source Procurement:

The mission of the District of Columbia Public Library (DCPL) is to provide equitable access to information tailored to customer needs, equipping people to learn throughout their lives, embracing diversity and building a thriving city. To support the mission, the Library has need of an online tool to provide patrons with general research tools for students and researchers at all levels of inquiry.

Oxford University Press (OUP) USA is by far the largest American university press and perhaps the most diverse publisher of its type. It publishes at a variety of levels, for a wide range of audiences in almost every academic discipline. The main criteria in evaluating new titles are quality and contribution to the furtherance of scholarship and education. All publications are first vetted by OUP's Delegates, who are leading scholars at Oxford University and top U.S. institutions.

Oxford University Press is the sole publisher and holds the distribution rights for the following online products:

African American Studies Center

The African American Studies Center combines the authority of carefully edited reference works with sophisticated technology to create the most comprehensive collection of scholarship available online to focus on the lives and events which have shaped African American and African history and culture. With more than 10,000 articles, over 2,500 images, and 450 primary

sources, the African American Studies Center is the most reliable, easy to use, and informative database for anyone interested in the subject.

Oxford Art Online

As the unsurpassed authority on all aspects of the visual arts worldwide Oxford Art Online provides a variety of resources, including Grove Art Online. With over 45,000 articles, more than 5,000 images, lesson plans and content for all users, Oxford Art Online is the premier resource for any art lover.

Oxford Music Online

The multi-award winning Oxford Music Online features Grove Music with over 50,000 articles and 28,000 biographies contributed by over 6,000 scholars from round the world. Images, audio, and timelines lead users on exciting pathways through music and music history.

Oxford English Dictionary Online

The *Oxford English Dictionary* is the only English dictionary that aims to trace the first known use of every word in the English language. It has been the authoritative recorder of the language since it was first published in 1884

The *Oxford English Dictionary (OED)* is widely regarded as the accepted authority on the English language. It is an unsurpassed guide to the meaning, history, and pronunciation of 600,000 words— past and present—from across the English-speaking world.

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