DETERMINATION & FINDINGS FOR MANDATORY SET-ASIDE OF CONTRACTS $250,000.00 OR LESS

1. AUTHORIZATION

DC Official Code Section 2-218.44 and 2-218.45

2. MINIMUM NEED

The District of Columbia Public Library (DCPL) has a need for a Contractor to provide creative hands-on drawing classes from a cartoonist level for the 2016 summer reading program.

3. ESTIMATED REASONABLE PRICE

$1,050.00

4. FACTS WHICH JUSTIFY AWARD TO OTHER THAN A CERTIFIED SMALL BUSINESS ENTERPRISE (SBE) OR CERTIFIED BUSINESS ENTERPRISE (CBE) CONTRACTOR

DCPL searched the DSLBD website and the DC Supply Schedule on the OCP website in an effort to find certified businesses that could provide creative hands-on drawing classes from a cartoonist level for the 2016 summer reading program. DCPL could not find any SBE/CBE businesses on either website. As a result, DCPL issued a purchase order to Paul Merklein on April 20, 2016.

This service is part of DCPL’s 2016 Summer Reading Program.

5. CERTIFICATION BY THE CONTRACT SPECIALIST

I have reviewed the above findings and certify that they are sufficient to justify the procurement of goods and services from other than a SBE or CBE contractor in accordance with DC Official Code Section 2-218.44 and 2-218.45 and recommend that the Chief Procurement Officer approve this proposed action.

[Signature]

Date

Ameer M. Abdullah, Sr.
Contract Specialist
DETERMINATION

Based on the above findings and in accordance with the DCPL Procurement Regulations, DC Official Code Section 2-218.44 and 2-218.45, I hereby determine that the award of this procurement action for the goods or services described herein is in the best interest of the District of Columbia Public Library.

4/25/16
Date

Diane Wooden
Chief Procurement Officer