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

PO 563471

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 digital subscription services on an as needed basic.

3. **ESTIMATED REASONABLE PRICE**

$226,651.24

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 advertising services. DCPL could not find any SBE/CBE businesses on either website. As a result, DCPL issued a purchase order to Cengage Learning on May 31, 2017. This acquisition falls under competition exemption code 2-354.13, number 12 (Purchases of advertising in all media, including electronic, subscriptions, print radio, music and television).

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.

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Date

5/31/17

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Contract Specialist