

**DETERMINATION AND FINDINGS
FOR
SOLE SOURCE PROCUREMENT**

FINDINGS

1. **Authorization:**

19 DCMR § 4320.7.

2. **Minimum Need:**

Online subscription to Newsbank Access World News Research Collection includes national and international titles, Washington Times for 2013-2014. Washington Star Historical Archive 1852-1950 – perpetual access.

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

\$456,220.00

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

The mission of the District of Columbia Public Library is equitable access to information tailored to customer needs, equipping people to learn all their lives, to embrace diversity and to build a thriving city. To support the mission, the Library has need of online tools, available both in the libraries and remotely, to provide information to customers varying in age, education, and ethnic background and the wide breadth of information they request on a daily basis.

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Access World News: Research Collection is an unparalleled collection, featuring thousands of U.S. and global news sources, most available online exclusively through NewsBank. Providing easy access to more than 200 million current and archived articles. *Access World News: Research Collection* enables customers to maximize their research potential. The collection's unmatched depth and comprehensive coverage simplifies background research, comparative and content analysis; class discussions; speeches, debates and research papers; tracking an event or topic over time; and comparing issues. **Includes Access to the Washington Times and other DC sources**

NewsBank's America's Obituaries & Death Notices

Each day, *America's Obituaries & Death Notices* consolidates records from hundreds of newspapers nationwide into a single, fully searchable database. This comprehensive resource features more than 29 million listings—approximately 90% of all recent obituaries and death notices published in the United States. An extensive, daily editorial review of every section of each newspaper ensures that all obituaries and death notices are added to this database—including paid and unpaid death notices in the classifieds and records. **Exclusive access to the Washington Post Death Notices.**

Washington Evening Star Historical Archive, 1852-1950

Internet delivery with unlimited access points among the subscribing users, including remote access. Customer and technical support and access to customized statistics report.

From its earliest years, the *Star* was a contrarian powerhouse, not afraid to buck Washington's prevailing political winds. Prior to the Civil War, as abolitionists decried slavery in their own publications, the *Star* presented both sides of the debate. During the War itself, the *Star's* excellent reporting increased its popularity; even today Civil War historians frequently cite *Star* articles at length. By the mid-20th century—a period marked by McCarthyism, landmark Civil Rights legislation and the beginning of the space race—the *Star* reached its zenith in local circulation and national influence. Between 1944 and 1981, *Star* writers, reporters and cartoonists accumulated 10 Pulitzer Prizes.

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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