

**DETERMINATION AND FINDINGS
FOR
SOLE SOURCE PROCUREMENT**

FINDINGS

1. Authorization:

19 DCMR § 4320.7.

2. Minimum Need:

The District of Columbia Public Library (DCPL) has a need to renew Ebsco ABC-Clio Databases – African American Experience and Latino American Experience.

3. Estimated Fair and Reasonable Price:

\$6,799.00

4. Facts That Justify a Sole Source Procurement:

The District of Columbia Public Library (DCPL) is committed to continuing access to high-interest databases that provide information on African American and Latino American history and culture.

The following are being purchased primarily to support homework help and academic research in the following areas:

- **ABC-Clio -The African American Experience** is the definitive electronic research tool for African American history and culture. The two primary goals: to provide information from authorities in the field, and to allow African Americans to speak for themselves through a wealth of primary sources. Drawing on over 450 titles, and designed under the guidance of leading librarians; this database gives voice to the black experience from its African origins to the present day.

Features

- Contains primary documents, including slave narratives, speeches, court cases, quotations, advertisements, statistics, and other documentation
- Provides thesis-driven, peer-reviewed scholarly essays within the exclusive *Idea Exchange* sections
- Provides material directly tied to associated primary source documents, images, and other classroom resources
- Includes 1,500 photographs, maps, and other images

Highlights

- Offers the widest-ranging, easiest-to-use online collection on African American

history ever assembled

- Covers the experiences of African Americans from their arrival in the Americas through to the present day; material on African origins are also included
- Facilitates in-depth research for students at all levels to support classes in history, literature, political science, art, music, and other research projects
- Provides an extensive array of primary source materials, including slave narratives and other firsthand accounts, in both print and audio formats

- **ABC-Clio - The Latino American Experience:** Marks the first-ever database dedicated to the history and culture of Latinos, the largest, fastest-growing minority group in the United States (and in DC). Designed, developed, and indexed under the guidance of Latino librarians and library directors to meet the research and curriculum needs of students, teachers, librarians, and researchers, Latino American Experience offers unparalleled depth and content.

Features

- Content includes hundreds of primary documents and media, including speeches, maps, songs, audio clips, interviews, and vivid historical photographs
- Faceted searching allows for fast and powerful refinement of search results
- Ongoing content updates enrich the site throughout the school year—at no additional cost
- Thesis-driven, peer-reviewed scholarly essays contained within the database's exclusive Idea Exchange sections pose questions such as "How should we refer to Americans who descend from Spanish-speaking countries?"

Highlights

- Developed under the guidance of Advisory Editor Dr. Ilan Stavans and leading scholars, this resource provides trustworthy content by authorities in the field
- Covers history and culture from all the countries in Latin America, the Caribbean, and the Iberian Peninsula, including content on modern-day Latin American countries, the history of the Hispanic Diaspora, and indigenous peoples
- Ties into curriculum standards with content and features geared to state-required studies on Latino history

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