

**DETERMINATION AND FINDINGS  
FOR  
SOLE SOURCE PROCUREMENT**

**FINDINGS**

**1. Authorization:**

19 DCMR § 4320.7.

**2. Minimum Need:**

The District of Columbia Library has the need to procure Freegal Music Digital Download and Streaming from Library Ideas, LLC.

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

\$54,080

**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 access to digital music for entertainment and educational purposes.

Freegal Music is a unique turnkey music download service that gives libraries an instant catalog of close to 7 million songs from tens of thousands of music labels from around the world including market-leading Sony Music. Each registered cardholder can download 3 songs per week in a high quality MP3 file. Since there is no Digital Rights Management software on the files, the songs are compatible with all devices and do not expire.

Freegal content added in 2013 included 4 million new songs, 8,000 Sony music videos.

Freegal service added in 2013 will allow each registered cardholder to “stream” up to 3 hours of music per day.

**Highlights of Freegal Music Service:**

- Millions of songs from ten thousand labels including the labels of Sony Music Entertainment.
- Tens-of-thousands of popular artists in hundreds of musical genres.
- Easy-to-use website interface with no software to install.

- DRM-FREE, Mp3 files that can be played on ANY device (including iPods).
- Simultaneous access to all music for all patrons.
- Simultaneous releases of chart topping music.
- Full reporting and administration center to manage the Freegal Music Service.

Library Ideas, LLC is the sole source provider for the Freegal Music Service.

5. **Certification By the Contract Specialist:**

I hereby certify that the above facts are accurate and complete.

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Contract Specialist

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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.

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Contracting Officer

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Date