

**DETERMINATION AND FINDINGS
FOR
SOLE SOURCE PROCUREMENT**

FINDINGS

1. **Authorization:**

19 DCMR § 4320.7.

2. **Minimum Need:**

Spanish language materials exclusively distributed by Lectorum Publications to build library collections for adults, young adults and children.

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

\$15,000.00

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. In recent years, the Spanish-speaking community in the District of Columbia has seen substantial growth. DCPL must establish broader collections in libraries through the purchase of materials in Spanish to serve these residents. To do so, they must contract with a series of vendors, all with unique services and/or exclusive offerings.

Lectorum Publications provides exclusive access to materials in Spanish from the following publishers:

Lectorum Publications
Almadraba, Spain
Anaya, Spain
Babel Libros, Colombia
Corimbo, Spain
Edebe, Spain
Ekare, Venezuela
La Galera, Spain
Everest, Spain
Editorial Juventud, Sapin
Hermes, Spain
Loguez Ediciones, Spain

Noguer – Planeta, Spain
Norma, Colombia
Maeva, Spain
Molino, Spain
Oceano Travesia, Mexico
Panamericana, Colombia

The materials available through these publishers are essential for building a legitimate collection of Spanish materials. The exclusive arrangements that Lectorum Publications has with these publishers validates the sole source claim

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