

**DETERMINATION AND FINDINGS
FOR
SOLE SOURCE PROCUREMENT**

FINDINGS

1. Authorization:

19 DCMR § 4320.7.

2. Minimum Need:

ProQuest - Heritage Quest, Historical Newspapers (Washington Post, Baltimore Sun, New York Times, 4 Historical Black Newspapers,) , Elibrary, Ethnic Newswatch, National Newspaper Core, Black Studies Center online, including History Makers, Dissertations for Black Studies, Black Abolitionist Papers, Safari Books Online Public Library Series

3. Estimated Fair and Reasonable Price:

\$217,140.00

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 overall mission and the mission of system wide Information Services, Washingtoniana and The Black Studies Division of the Martin Luther King, Jr. Library, the Library has need of online tools to provide access to educational, informational and research data for children, teens and adults.

ProQuest provides seamless access to and navigation of more than 125 billion digital pages of the world's scholarship, delivering it to the desktop and into the workflow of serious researchers in multiple fields, from arts, literature, and social science to science, technology, and medicine. ProQuest's vast content pools are available to researchers through libraries of all types and include the world's largest digital newspaper archive; periodical databases comprising the output of more than 9,000 titles and spanning more than 500 years. The Proquest databases the library is renewing include:

- **Heritage Quest:** Beginning with more than 25,000 family and local histories, HeritageQuest Online is growing to include the complete U.S. Federal Census from 1790-1930, the Periodical Source Index (PERSI), the Revolutionary War Pension Applications & Bounty Land Warrant Applications, and the Freedman's Bank Records. HeritageQuest Online provides many of most-requested resources

for genealogists and local historians. Our collection of digitized material is unlike anything else online today, and helps put family research in an historical, social and cultural context.

- **Washington Post - Historical:** Offers full page and article images of the newspaper from 1877 to 1994. Articles can be searched full-text from the first edition. The collection, which includes digital reproductions, provides access to the complete paper-cover-to-cover, with full-page and article images in easily downloadable PDF format. NEW this year. – Hosting Fee.
- **Baltimore Sun - Historical:** The Baltimore Sun (1837-1985) provides diverse regional perspectives and coverage on events that shaped the 19th and 20th century. The Baltimore Sun provides unprecedented access to news from this major port city. ProQuest is extending coverage of The Baltimore Sun to include every issue from 1837 through 1985. In contrast to the literary dailies popular on the East Coast at the time, The Baltimore Sun was originally published as the people's paper, reporting on events that affected the lives of Maryland's residents. Its reporting included Baltimore as a center of commerce and immigration, and extensive coverage of Washington politics into the mid-20th century. Maryland was a slave holding, border state prior to the Civil War and The Baltimore Sun covered the major battles fought in Maryland and nearby states. It also includes the writings of "The Sage of Baltimore," H.L. Mencken, considered one of the most influential writers of the early 20th century.
- **Ethnic Newswatch:** features newspapers, magazines, and journals of the ethnic and minority press, providing researchers access to essential, often overlooked perspectives. With titles dating from 1990, ENW presents a comprehensive, full-text collection of more than 1.8 million articles from more than 315 publications offering both national and regional coverage. While the content may mirror mainstream media coverage, the viewpoints are decidedly unique. Of the more than 1.8 million articles contained in the collection, nearly a quarter are presented in Spanish, making ENW an unmatched bilingual diversity database.
- **eLibrary:** a resource designed for students K-12. It consists of than 2,500 full-text magazines, newspapers, books, and transcripts--plus thousands of maps, pictures, educator-approved websites from Homework Central®, and top-quality multimedia (audio/video) files
- **National Newspapers Core Subscription,** providing full-text access to the following nationally renowned newspapers:
 - **New York Times (backfile to 1980 – through present) (NYT Book Review and NYT Magazine are included in PDF format)**
 - **Wall Street Journal (backfile to 1984 through present)**
 - **Washington Post (backfile to 1987 through present)**
 - **Los Angeles Times (backfile to 1985 through present)**
 - **Christian Science Monitor (backfile to 1988 through present).**

Black Studies Resources:

- **Schomburg Studies on the Black Experience™**— Developed in partnership with the Schomburg Center for Research in Black Culture, this resource contains in-depth, interdisciplinary essays by today's leading scholars in Black Studies, providing a detailed summary of the most updated research on over 30 major Black studies topics. Each essay includes key resources (the majority in full-text, including rare primary sources), bibliographies, biographies, timelines, multimedia, and other contextual materials
- **International Index to Black Periodicals™**— a scholarly index back to 1902, with 100 full-text, current journals. Academic titles from North America, the Caribbean, and Africa.
- **Marshall Index** – the first index to cover Black periodicals, formerly *A Guide to Negro Periodical Literature*. Covers 1940-1946.
- **Black Literature Index**—over 70,000 bibliographic citations for fiction, poetry and literary reviews published in 110 black periodicals and newspapers, from 1827-1940. Citations are manually linked to *Chicago Defender* articles, and also linked to *NY Amsterdam News* and *Pittsburgh Courier* articles, if subscribed to these additional newspaper modules.
- **Multimedia** – A growing library of images and video clips is available, with a current set of over 2,000 images and over 200 video clips.
- **Timeline** – each essay is linked to a comprehensive timeline, which lists important events, people, and places.
- **Dissertations for Black Studies** - This module contains 1,000 doctoral dissertations and Masters' theses relating to Black Studies. Included are dissertations written between 1970 and 2004 at over 100 universities and colleges across the United States. Dissertations appear as page images with background searchable text, with hit highlighting for search terms, and can also be downloaded as PDFs. Those dissertations available to all users as Required Readings within SSBE are also cross-searchable within the Dissertations module.

- **Black Abolitionists Papers Add-on Module**
- **HistoryMakers** – an oral history video archive! The first release has 100 interviews of contemporary African Americans who have broken barriers and accomplished significant achievements in business, science, education, government, entertainment, sports, and other fields. These are 2-3 hour videos, fully subject-indexed, available for online viewing in full, or in segments. Search or browse through the list by name, occupation, or theme. Watch and hear firsthand accounts of ancestor history, childhood, Civil Rights era experiences, education and career struggles and triumphs. Create relevant playlists for your class, research papers, or projects. Learn more about this add-on module

- **Historic Black Newspapers Subscription:** Slightly different from the other National Historic newspapers we have (i.e. Washington Post), in which we add an additional year of content each year, the Historic Black newspapers are closed content sets. Most of the end dates of content line up to the start date of the

content we have available in Ethnic NewsWatch (to which DCPL currently subscribes).

The four historical papers included in this bundle and their dates of coverage are:

Chicago Defender: 1909-1975
New York Amsterdam News: 1922-1993
Atlanta Daily World: 1931 – 2003
Baltimore Afro-American: 1893-1988

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- **Historical New York Times with Index**, 1851 to 3 years ago – Perpetual and Continuing Service
- **Safari Books Online Public Library Service**. Beginning Programming, Consumer Technology, Personal Professional Development

ProQuest aggregates source material from third-party publishers and creates associated abstracts and indexes for such material to make up these database. ProQuest is the sole holder of the copyright in the ProQuest-created abstracts and in the databases. With respect to third-party databases, ProQuest distributes and hosts certain third-party databases and in some cases provides the associated full-text articles to compliment the offering through ProQuest's proprietary online search engines.

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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