

**DETERMINATION AND FINDINGS
FOR
SOLE SOURCE PROCUREMENT**

CAPTION: Uni Reading Room Kit

PROPOSED CONTRACTOR: Street Lab, Inc. (501c3) dba The Uni Project

PROGRAM AGENCY: District of Columbia Public Library

FINDINGS

1. AUTHORIZATION:

19 DCMR §4320.7 and D.C. Official Code §2-354.04.

2. MINIMUM NEED:

The District of Columbia Public Library (DCPL) has a need to purchase a kit of modules necessary to create a portable reading room/learning environment for public spaces.

3. ESTIMATED REASONABLE PRICE:

\$13,250

4. FACTS WHICH JUSTIFY SOLE SOURCE PROCUREMENT:

- A.** The Uni Reading Room Kit (“Uni”) is a portable, open-air reading room developed by the nonprofit, Street Lab Inc. (dba The Uni Project), in 2011 for the Uni Project. The Uni Project is dedicated to expanding a culture of learning beyond the walls of schools, museums, and libraries into public space.
- B.** The Uni portable reading room begins with an architect-engineer structure that can be installed in public spaces such as parks, neighborhoods, plazas, etc.
- C.** The components of the Uni are designed by the Boston based firm Howeler + Yoon Architects specifically for the Uni Project. Components of the Uni Reading Kit include: (1) the Unit Cart; (2) Uni Cart Cover and (3) Uni Benches. Key innovations of the components are: lightweight, weatherproof with canvas cover, self-standing, able to roll easily into position and able to be made secure in place.
- D.** The Uni components are proprietary to the Uni Project and the company is the sole manufacturer and distributor of the Uni.

5. CERTIFICATION BY THE DCPL CHIEF BUSINESS OFFICER:

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

Date

Jonathan R. Butler

6. CERTIFICATION BY THE CONTRACT SPECIALIST:

I have reviewed the above findings and certify that they are sufficient to justify the use of the sole source method of procurement under the cited authority, I certify that the notice of intent to award a sole source procurement was published in accordance with D.C. Official Code §2-354.04 and that no response was received. I recommend that the Chief Procurement Officer approve the use of the sole source method of procurement for this proposed action.

Date

Darryn Martin

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 this sole source action for the services described herein is in the best interest of the District of Columbia Public Library.

Date

Diane Wooden
Chief Procurement Officer