

**DETERMINATION AND FINDINGS
FOR
SOLE SOURCE PROCUREMENT**

FINDINGS

1. **Authorization:**

 19 DCMR § 4320.7.

2. **Minimum Need:**

 World Book Web, Public Library Edition Online plus World Book Discover & Early World of Learning – Subscription for In Library and Remote Use. World Book Print 2013 – 28 copies

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

 \$47,376.00

4. **Facts That Justify a Sole Source Procurement:**

The mission of the District of Columbia Public Library (DCPL) 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. The mission of Collections Office at DCPL is to provide access to books, media and online resources to support the overall mission. As such, the Library needs provide patrons with print and online access to traditional encyclopedic sources to assist children and young adult with homework help and adults with ready reference questions.

The **World Book Online** is the premier online general encyclopedia and reference resource. Continually updated, World Book Online is the source for accurate and authoritative information. World Book Online includes research tools, encyclopedia, multimedia, periodical, e-book and primary source databases. In addition, there are more than 20,000 photos, illustrations and maps, 115 videos and animations, 9,300 sounds, dictionary with over 250,000 entries, thousands of eBooks, interactive games and activities, a biography resource center, science experiments, interactive earth feature and more than a thousand Web sites. Highlights of World Book Online Info Finder include:

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- World Book Biography Center, with more than 10,000 biographies
- Comprehensive multimedia collections including World Book Explores and geography resource guides

- Thousands of links selected by World Book editors and expert contributors
- Research tools including Citation Builder, How to Do Research guides, and personalized My Research account
- Extensive dictionary
- Correlations to state and provincial curriculum and achievement standards
- Interactive Earth, including the World Book Atlas, Interactive Maps, Outline Maps and Flags, and more
- Science projects and experiments
- Educator tools

World Book Online Web is the sole source provider for the following products that are designed for diverse ages, reading levels and learning styles:

World Book Online for Kids, World Book Online Reference Center, World Book Online Info Finder, World Book Discover, Early World of Learning and Spanish Language Encyclopedia.

The **World Book Encyclopedia** is the first choice for students, librarians, and teachers.

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- World Book, Inc. is the publisher and sole source for World Book Encyclopedia.

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