



**JUSTIFICATION AND APPROVAL FOR ALLOWING AWARD OF  
CONTRACT WITHOUT COMPETITION**

**SECTION A**

**Department:** *Library*

**Department Contact:** *Jamar Parker, 404-771-7578*

**Description of Supplies/Services:** *VOX readalongs. VOX readalongs are children's books with an audio reading attached to the inside of the book.*

**Demonstration of Contractor's Unique Qualifications:**

*Readalongs allow children to listen to a story while following along the book. Library Ideas has been selling VOX books to libraries and schools since 2015. They are the only provider of readalongs that feature a hardcover book with a reader box permanently attached to the book. In the past, we were able to purchase readalongs from our primary book vendor. While they do still have readalongs we can purchase, their version is a paperback book with a CD in a separate case. The CD would frequently get separated from the book or get scratched, making the readalong unusable. Now that CD players are no longer in new cars or computers, many of our patrons don't have a way to listen to readalongs with CDs. The demand for readalongs is still there, particularly for beginning readers who find it helpful to hear the words and see them on the page at the same time. If this isn't approved, we're unable to offer a product that our patrons are requesting and that would benefit beginning and struggling readers.*

**SECTION B**  
**MARKET SURVEY**

**Results of Market Survey**

**Advertised on BidNet Website**

**Date Public Notice posted on website:** *1/20/23*

**Date Public Notice closed:** *1/26/23*

**REVIEW OF OFFER(S)**

**Were any offers received (Y/N):** *No*

**Number of offers received:** *0*

**Respondents:** *0*

**Date Offers submitted to User Department for review:** *N/A*

**User Department review and recommendation:** *Fulton County Library System*

**recommends approval of sole source vendor Library Ideas LLC.**

**Purchasing Agent review and recommendation: After review and consideration of all available information related to the requirement and criteria of the sole source advertisement #23SSN0120B-EC as titled Vox Readalong Books - Single Attachment, the Department of Purchasing and Contract Compliance recommends proceeding with BOC approval request to award a contract without competition.**

### CERTIFICATION

Having conducted a good faith review of source availability regarding the materials, goods and or services stipulated herein, subsequent to consultation with the County Manager and the recommendation of the User Department, it has been determined that there is only one source available for the required work, labor or service to be done or the supplies, materials, or equipment to be furnished, per the Fulton County Code of Ordinances §102-384, Award without competition.

I, Felicia Strong-Whitaker, Chief Purchasing Agent, certify that the facts and representations under my cognizance which are included in this justification and its supporting documentation which form the basis for this justification are complete and accurate.

DocuSigned by:  
Felicia Strong-Whitaker 01/30/2023  
Felicia Strong-Whitaker Date  
Chief Purchasing Agent

I, Dick Anderson, County Manager, certify that the facts and representations under my cognizance which are included in this justification and its supporting documentation which form the basis for this justification are complete and accurate.

DocuSigned by:  
Dick Anderson 01/30/2023  
Dick Anderson Date  
County Manager