



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

### SECTION A

**Department:** *Library*

**Department Contact:** *Jamar Parker, 404-612-8707, jamar.parker@fultoncountyga.gov*

**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:** *N/A*

**Date Public Notice posted on website:** *05/12/2022*

**Date Public Notice closed:** *05/19/2022 2:00 PM EDT*

#### **REVIEW OF OFFER(S)**

**Were any offers received (Y/N):** *YES*

**Number of offers received:** *1*

**Respondents:** *Library Ideas, LLC.*

**Date Offers submitted to User Department for review:** *05/20/2022*

**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 22EF134698B 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.*