



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

*(Section A must be completed by the User Department and then submitted to the Department of Purchasing & Contract Compliance)*

### 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 must be completed by the Department of Purchasing & Contract Compliance)*

### SECTION B

#### MARKET SURVEY

##### Results of Market Survey

*Market Survey deemed not necessary due to zero public offers.*

Date Public Notice posted on website: *8/09/2021*

Date Public Notice closed: *08/13/2021*

#### REVIEW OF OFFER(S)

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

Number of offers received: *None*

Respondents: *None*

Date Offers submitted to User Department for review: *No offers received, not applicable.*

User Department review and recommendation:

Purchasing Agent review and recommendation: *Proceed with sole source BOC approval*

## 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, Purchasing Director, 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.

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Felicia Strong-Whitaker  
Purchasing Director

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Date

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.

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Dick Anderson  
County Manager

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Date