

**DESCRIPTION OF INTENDED  
SINGLE SOURCE PURCHASE  
(PUR 7776)**

AGENCY: EDUCATION

TITLE STATEWIDE NON-VISUAL ACCESS TO INFORMATION FOR THE BLIND AND VISUALLY IMPAIRED

Short description of the commodity or service desired:

CONTACT

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Internal tracking number, if any: **SSM 2021-53**

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This description of commodities or contractual services intended for purchase from a single source is posted in accordance with sections 120.57(3) and 287.057(3), Florida Statutes and will remain posted for a period of at least 7 business days.

Commodity or Contractual Service Required (commodity or United National Standard Products and Services Code (UNSPSC), manufacturer, model, and description, as appropriate):  
**82111900: News and Publicity Services**

Quantity or Term (as appropriate):  
**thirty-six (36) months**

Requestor (division, bureau, office, individual, as appropriate):  
**Justin Mills, Division of Blind Services, Bureau of Operations and Compliance, Contracts Section**

Performance and/or Design Requirements (e.g.. intended use, function or application, compatibility, requirements; reference to policy, rule, statute or other act of the Legislature, etc., as appropriate):  
**The Division of Blind Services is charged by Chapter 413.011(d) Florida Statutes, This allows the "integration and full participation of individuals who are blind in society on equal terms with others."**

**Provides for the activation, operation, and maintenance of an automated, interactive audio-information service hereinafter referred to as "NFB-NEWSLINE®." The service can be used by means of a Touch Tone telephone and provides access to newspapers when the publisher or another source agrees to supply the content in accordance with the Federation's standards for format and delivery of such material. Access to these newspapers will be provided without charge to persons registered to use the service.**

Intended Single Source:  
**National Federation of the Blind (NFB)**

Estimated Dollar Amount:  
**\$261,000.00**

Justification for single source acquisition (what is necessary and unique about the product, service or source; steps taken to confirm unavailability of competition, as appropriate):

**The National Federation of the Blind Newsline provides non visual access to information. Through this service people who are blind and visually impaired have the accessibility to read newspapers, magazines and other print media. This service is necessary to provide information to clients and Floridians who are blind and visually impaired so that they have the access to the same information that sighted individuals have. No other vendor offers this type of service.**

Approved By (names & titles, as appropriate, e.g., requestor, requestor management, information systems, budget, purchasing):

**Robert Doyle, Director**

**Arlinda Thompson, Budget Officer Operations & Compliance**

**Costella Lewis, Government Operations & Consultant II**

**Amy Grissom, Senior Management Analyst II**

Prospective vendors are requested to provide information regarding their ability to supply the commodities or contractual services described. If it is determined in writing by the agency, after reviewing any information received from prospective vendors, that the commodities or contractual services are available only from a single source, the agency shall: provide notice of its intended decision to enter a single-source purchase contract in the manner specified in s.120.57(3), FS.