

**STATE OF WASHINGTON
OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY OF STATE
WASHINGTON STATE LIBRARY DIVISION
SOLE SOURCE POSTING S-6353**

The Office of the Secretary of State contemplates awarding a sole source contract to Cengage Learning, Inc. to provide the Washington State Library with large print juvenile and young adult fiction publications to 92 public school libraries across the state. Cengage Learning, Inc., through Gale, a Division of Cengage Learning, Inc., is the sole publisher of Gale print publications including the imprint line Thorndike Press. They have unabridged Large Print editions and will drop-ship the collections of 30 titles to each selected library and provide shelf-ready processing. These collections will be composed of recently published titles that are written for a middle school-aged audience.

Gale is the only publisher our research found with a broad collection of recently published, positively reviewed, large print titles for a middle school audience. Gale has 30 years of experience publishing large print materials. They have the experience and systems developed to process and ship materials directly to school libraries.

The value for the contract is \$40,317.65. The contract will be issued on or about April 1, 2019. The contract term is April 1, 2019 through May 15, 2019. There are no options for extensions. Vendors contemplating a response must submit capability statements in writing, which must be received at the address below by no later than 4:00 P.M., March 15, 2019. Capability statements that a sole source is not justified must include supporting documentation. PDF attachments to e-mail responses will be accepted. Inquiries should be directed to the contact shown below. In the absence of other qualified sources, it is the State's intent to make a sole source award Cengage Learning, Inc.

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