



**DETERMINATION AND FINDINGS
FOR SOLE SOURCE PROCUREMENT**

Sole Source No. S8-27

I. AUTHORITY

Richland County School District One Procurement Code (RCSD1) Section 1560, Sole Source under the South Carolina Consolidated Code & Regulations 11-35-1560 Sole Source; public notice for contracts with a total potential value greater than **\$50,000**, without competition must be posted in South Carolina Business Opportunities at least **five (5) business day** before entering a contract. For contracts with a potential value greater than **\$250,000**, such notice must be posted at least **ten (10) days** before entering a contract.

II. MINIMUM NEED

School/Department: Office of Federal and State Programs

Good or Service to be purchased: Wonder Books

Total Cost: \$ 14,352.50

III. FAIR AND REASONABLE PRICE

Must be completed by Requesting Principal/Department Head

Designed specifically for young children, Wonder Books feature sturdy construction and simple controls. No other vendor offers a comparable single-unit print-and-audio product, making them the only option that fully meets the program's instructional and accessibility needs.

IV. FACTS THAT JUSTIFY A SOLE SOURCE PROCUREMENT

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Wonder Books by Playaway Products combine a picture book with a built-in audio player, requiring no extra devices, internet, or setup-ideal for independent use by prekindergarten students. They support early literacy by pairing text with narrated audio, improving word recognition, pronunciation, and comprehension while engaging emergent readers, including English language learners. These all-in-one resources expand materials for SDE-required listening centers, offering durable, easy-to-use audio-literacy tools that integrate smoothly without additional equipment or support.

V. CERTIFICATION BY SCHOOL/DEPARTMENT Playaway Products holds all associated trademarks, service marks, and patents for their product lines.

I hereby certify that the above findings are true, correct and complete.

August 31, 2026

Date


Debra Knight (Aug 31, 2026 15:16:39 EDT)
Principal/Department Head

VI. CERTIFICATION BY PROCUREMENT OFFICIAL

I have reviewed the above findings and certify that they are sufficient to justify the use of the sole source method of procurement under the cited authority. I recommend that the Chief Procurement Officer approve the use of the sole source procurement method for this contract.

9/1/26

Date


Procurement Official

VII. CERTIFICATION BY SUPERINTENDENT OR CHIEF PROCUREMENT OFFICER

09/01/26

Date


Superintendent/Chief Procurement Officer

DETERMINATION

Based on the above findings and in accordance with the cited authority, I hereby determine that it is not feasible or practical to invoke the competitive bidding. Under RCSD1 Procurement Code Section 4210 any actual bidder, offeror, contractor, or subcontractor who is aggrieved in connection with the intended award or award of contract shall protest within seven (7) business days of the date notification of aware is posted.



January 7, 2026

Dear Customer,

Thank you for your interest in Playaway Products. Our innovative product suite includes the Playaway audiobook, Launchpad tablet, Wonderbook read-along, and WhaZoodle! speaker sidekick. We appreciate the opportunity to provide you with sole source information.

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We are the sole source provider of the following in the public library and PreK-12 education markets:

- **Wonderbook** read-along
- **Launchpad** tablet
- **WhaZoodle!** speaker sidekick
- **Fully customizable Standing Order Plans (SOP)** for all Playaway products
- **Custom Order Plans (COP)** featuring pre-orders (up to three months in advance), circulation tools, and patron marketing materials

Playaway Products LLC holds all associated trademarks, service marks, and patents for our product lines. Our patents are registered both in the U.S. and internationally.

Please don't hesitate to contact us should you require additional information or documentation.

Sincerely,

Sabine McAlpine

Sabine McAlpine
Vice President, Sales + Content
Playaway Products
Exclusive maker of Playaway Pre-Loaded Products



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31999 Aurora Road
Solon OH 44139
United States

Date 8/24/2026
Estimate # 7300
Expires 9/23/2026
Customer PO#

GSA# GS-02F-0036W

Credit card orders \$20K+ require a 2% finance fee.

Bill To

Teri Marriott-Riley
RICHLAND 01 (SC) Waverley Admin
1225 Oak Street
Columbia SC 29204
United States

Memo

Item	Qty	Description	Unit Pr	Amount	ISBN	Shelf Date
African Town (WB)	5	African Town	72.89	364.45	9798331701819	8/1/2025
Amal Unbound (Large Print) (WB)	5	Amal Unbound (Large Print)	62.09	310.45	9798822670143	4/1/2023
Black Boy Joy: 17 Stories Celebrating Black Boyhood (Large Print) (WB)	5	Black Boy Joy: 17 Stories Celebrating Black Boyhood (Large Print)	62.09	310.45	9798822687370	9/1/2024
Booked (Large Print) (WB)	5	Booked (Large Print)	60.29	301.45	9781667076812	11/1/2021
DK Life Stories: Martin Luther King Jr. (WB)	40	Life Stories: Martin Luther King Jr.	51.29	2,051.60	9798822674615	6/1/2024
Dogtown (Large Print) (WB)	40	Dogtown (Large Print)	62.09	2,483.60	9798822679092	12/1/2023
El Deafo (WB)	40	El Deafo	54.89	2,195.60	9798822674400	10/1/2023
Louder Than Hunger (WB) (Large Print)	5	Louder Than Hunger (Large Print)	69.29	346.45	9798822690530	1/1/2025
Mexikid: A Graphic Memoir (WB)	5	Mexikid: A Graphic Memoir	60.29	301.45	9798822681989	4/1/2024
My Teacher is a Monster! (No, I Am Not.) (WB)	40	My Teacher is a Monster! (No, I Am Not.)	48.59	1,943.60	9781549127540	7/1/2019
Parachute Kids: A Graphic Novel (WB)	5	Parachute Kids: A Graphic Novel	60.29	301.45	9798822688483	10/1/2024
Remember Us (Large Print) (WB)	5	Remember Us (Large Print)	65.69	328.45	9798822692213	2/1/2025
Stronger Than (WB)	40	Stronger Than	62.09	2,483.60	9798331704865	3/1/2026



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31999 Aurora Road
Solon OH 44139
United States

Date
Estimate #

8/24/2026
7300

Item	Qty	Description	Unit Pr	Amount	ISBN	Shelf Date
Crossover, The (Large Print) (WB)	5	Crossover, The (Large Print)	60.29	301.45	9781667076829	11/1/2021
Season of Styx Malone, The (WB)	5	Season of Styx Malone, The	65.69	328.45	9798331707408	3/1/2026
USB Cord-Wonderbook Packaging	50	USB Cord-Wonderbook Packaging Pack to include: 1 - USB Cord-Wonderbook	0.00	0.00		

Remit To:

Playaway Products LLC
PO Box 735920
Chicago, IL 60673-5638

Subtotal	14,352.50
Shipping Cost (UPS Ground)	0.00
Total	\$14,352.50



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Wonderbook Title: The Grouchy Ladybug

The Grouchy Ladybug ; Author: Eric Carle ; Narrator: Not Yet Available ; Stock Status: Pre-Order ; Series: Eric Carle ; ISBN: 9798331710767.



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Eric Carle Series by Playaway Products

The Grouchy Ladybug. Author: Eric Carle. Narrator: Not Yet Available. ISBN: 9798331710767. Genre: Kindness. Release Date: June 1, 2026. Binding: Hardcover. SKU ... [Read more](#)
\$54 to \$65



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Picture Books by Playaway Products

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\$61 to \$76



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Favorite Friends by Playaway Products

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\$63 to \$75



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