



**PURCHASING ITEM  
FOR  
COUNCIL AGENDA**

**1. Agenda Item Number:**

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**2. Council Meeting Date:**

August 23, 2007

**TO: MAYOR & COUNCIL**

**3. Date Prepared:** July 20, 2007

**THROUGH: CITY MANAGER**

**4. Requesting Department:** Library

**5. SUBJECT:** Approve sole source purchase of library materials from Thomson Gale in an amount not to exceed \$35,000.

**6. RECOMMENDATION:** Request approval for sole source purchase of library materials from Thomson Gale in an amount not to exceed \$35,000.

**7. HISTORICAL BACKGROUND/DISCUSSION:** Thomson Gale, formerly Gale Group, is the producer of a wide variety of print and electronic library reference materials. The Chandler Library has had ongoing subscriptions with Thomson Gale or one of its subsidiaries for several reference sets in diverse subject areas. Over the past several years, Thomson Gale has acquired a number of smaller publishers for reference, large print and children's books, making these books unavailable from other vendors. Publishers under Thomson Gale include Thorndike Press, Lucent Press, Greenhaven Press, Schirmer Reference, UXL, Scribner's, Gale Group, Macmillan and several smaller presses.

**8. EVALUATION PROCESS:** Thomson Gale is the exclusive publisher of print materials that the Library purchases. These titles are purchased directly from Thomson Gale or its subsidiaries since they do not sell or market their products through other vendors. All of the materials are reviewed and recommended in standard library reviewing sources. Many of the items are continuations of sets that the library has invested in and maintained over the years and determined to be of good quality and heavily used by the library customers. The cost breakdown includes \$17,000 for large print materials published by Thorndike Press and \$18,000 for various other titles.

**9. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS:** Fund account is 101.4310.0000.5320, Library Operating Funds, Educational Materials.

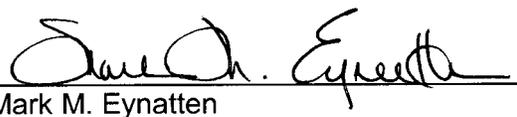
**10. PROPOSED MOTION:** Move to approve sole source purchase of library materials from Thomson Gale in an amount not to exceed \$35,000, per staff recommendation.

**APPROVALS**

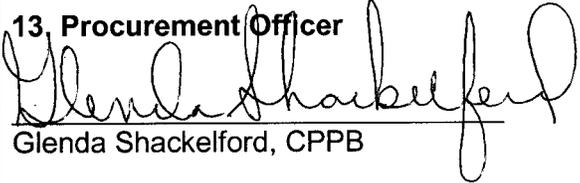
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