

DECISION

**THE COMPTROLLER GENERAL
OF THE UNITED STATES**
WASHINGTON, D. C. 20548

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FILE: B-184365

DATE: July 30, 1975

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MATTER OF: Secretary's Service Technicians

DIGEST:

Small Business Administration's determination not to issue a Certificate of Competency (COC) to a bidder is not subject to review by GAO.

Secretary's Service Technicians (SST) protests the Small Business Administration's denial of a Certificate of Competency (COC) under invitation for bids (IFB) GS-09-DP-(P)-521 issued by Region 9, General Services Administration (GSA), on the grounds that the denial was based on false and misinterpreted information. Specifically, SST contends that GSA's recommendation to SBA was based on a "theoretical interpretation of the visual inspection made of the applicant's facilities" which was contrary to the actual facts. Second, it contends that SBA's technical personnel incorrectly assumed that a \$21,000 note was secured.

Under 15 U.S.C. 637(b)(7), SBA has the authority to issue or not issue a COC. Our Office has no authority to review SBA determinations to require it to issue a COC or to reopen a case when a COC has been denied. 51 Comp. Gen. 448 (1972); 53 Comp. Gen. 344 (1973). Therefore, our Office is unable to provide any relief for SST notwithstanding the contentions made regarding SBA. Unitron Engineering Company, B-181350, August 20, 1974.

Accordingly, the protest is not for consideration.


Deputy Comptroller General
of the United States