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DECISION



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

FILE: B-204151

DATE: August 4, 1981

MATTER OF: Arpact, Inc.

DIGEST:

GAO generally does not review protests concerning award of grants.

Arpact, Inc. protests the award of a grant by the Minority Business Development Agency, U.S. Department of Commerce.

Our Office, pursuant to our statutory obligation and authority under 31 U.S.C. § 53 (1976) to investigate the receipt, disbursement, and application of funds, reviews complaints by prospective contractors concerning the propriety of contract awards made by grantees. See 40 Fed. Reg. 42406 (1975). As we stated in 40 Fed. Reg. 42406, it is not the intent of this Office to interfere with the functions and responsibilities of grantor agencies in making and administering grants and we generally do not review complaints concerning the award of grants themselves. See New York State Waterways Project, B-201559, January 6, 1981, 81-1 CPD 12.

Accordingly, the protest is dismissed.

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