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DECISION



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

FILE: B-207137

DATE: May 3, 1982

MATTER OF: Kings Point Mfg. Co., Inc.

DIGEST:

GAO dismisses protest suggesting that the awardee will not deliver supplies as required by the solicitation. This is a matter of contract administration, which is the responsibility of the contracting agency, not GAO.

Kings Point Mfg. Co., Inc. (Kings Point), protests the award of a contract to Coronado Technology (Coronado) under invitation for bids (IFB) No. DLA700-82-B-0202 issued by the Defense Logistics Agency (DLA) for water sterilizing bags. We dismiss the protest.

Kings Point is concerned that Coronado will not meet the IFB's specifications, particularly regarding the faucet component. Kings Point requests that our Office investigate to ascertain whether the award was made in accord with proper contracting procedures. Kings Point also requests a similar investigation with regard to the DLA award to Coronado under IFB No. DLA700-81-C-4932. That award was made prior to November 1981.

Whether Coronado will supply the equipment in accord with the IFBs' specifications is a matter of contract administration, which is the responsibility of the contracting agency, not GAO. J & J Maintenance, Inc. - Reconsideration, B-201484.3, December 21, 1981, 81-2 CPD 482. Further, protesters often ask us to conduct independent investigations to substantiate their unsupported contentions or speculation. GAO does not, and realistically cannot, conduct such investigations except in extraordinary circumstances. Cubic Defense Systems, division of Cubic Corporation, B-203597, December 24, 1981, 81-2 CPD 493. Here, Kings Point has not provided a sufficient basis to cast doubt on the integrity of DLA procurement activities to warrant a GAO investigation.

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Accordingly, we dismiss the protest.

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