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DECISION

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

FILE: B-212056

DATE: June 20, 1983

MATTER OF: Lordship Industries, Inc.

DIGEST:

Protest concerning the small business size status of bidders is by law a matter for decision by the Small Business Administration and not for consideration by GAO.

Lordship Industries, Inc. (Lordship), protests the award of a contract to Elwyn Industries (Elwyn) under invitation for bids No. DTCG36-83-B-00082, a small business set-aside issued by the United States Coast Guard Supply Center, Brooklyn, New York. Lordship alleges that Elwyn is not a small business.

Under 15 U.S.C. § 637(b) (Supp. IV 1980), the Small Business Administration (SBA) has exclusive authority to determine matters of small business size status for Federal procurement and sales purposes. Therefore, our Office will not review questions of a bidder's small business size status. Putnam Mills Corporation, B-207933, July 6, 1982, 82-2 CPD 25. Any size status challenge must be made according to SBA procedures, rather than through a bid protest. Williamson Machine Co., Inc., B-210580, February 7, 1983, 83-1 CPD 136.

Accordingly, the protest is dismissed.

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