

**DECISION**

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

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**FILE:** B-217308                      **DATE:** December 17, 1984  
**MATTER OF:** Edwards Enterprises, Inc.

**DIGEST:**

Protest concerning the low bidder's small business size status is a matter for decision by the Small Business Administration and is not for GAO's consideration.

Edwards Enterprises, Inc., protests the small business size status of the low bidder under solicitation No. F45613-84-B0027 issued by the Department of the Air Force. Edwards contends that the low bidder is affiliated with three other firms and therefore is not a small business.

We assume that this procurement is a small business set-aside under which only small businesses may receive award. Under 15 U.S.C. § 637(b)(6) (1982), however, the Small Business Administration has the authority to exclusively determine matters of small business size status for procurement purposes. Therefore, our Office will not review the question of the low bidder's small business size status. Putnam Mills Corp., B-207973, July 6, 1982, 82-2 CPD ¶ 25.

The protest is dismissed.

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