

DECISION



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

FILE: B-217086

DATE: December 17, 1984

MATTER OF: McGregor Manufacturing Corporation

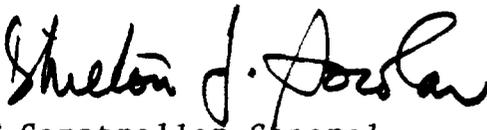
DIGEST:

Fact that bidder enjoys competitive advantage because its bid price is based on a foreign currency is not an unfair advantage that the government is required to equalize among the bidders.

McGregor Manufacturing Corporation (MMC) protests the fairness of the United States Army Aviation Systems Command's requiring it to match the bid price of a Canadian company on the non-set-aside portion of invitation for bids No. DAAJ09-84-R-B206. MMC argues that the Canadian company has an unfair advantage because its bid price is based on Canadian dollars, which have a lower value when compared to American dollars.

We summarily deny the protest.

We have recognized that a firm may enjoy a competitive advantage by virtue of its own particular circumstances. As long as the contractor's competitive advantage is not the result of preference or unfair action by the government, the government is not required to equalize the competitive position of the bidders. Rodenberg's Floor Coatings, Inc., B-211908, June 20, 1983, 83-2 C.P.D. ¶ 5.

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