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DATE: February 22, 1985

MATTER OF:

Splendid Dry Cleaners

DIGEST:

Protest against specifications is academic and will not be considered by GAO where agency cancels solicitation containing the specifications.

Splendid Dry Cleaners (Splendid) protests the terms of invitation for bids (IFB) No. DABT01-84-B-1005, issued by the Department of the Army for laundry services at Fort Rucker, Alabama. The specifications allowed the contractor to provide the laundry services from either a government-owned, contractor-operated (GOCO) facility or from a contractor-owned, contractor-operated (COCO) facility. Splendid argues that allowing award to a COCO contractor would circumvent the intent of Congress in appropriating funds for the renovation of Fort Rucker's laundry facilities. Splendid also challenges the provisions made in the solicitation for adding to the evaluated total of a GOCO or COCO bid the costs the government was expected to incur if award were made on a GOCO or COCO basis, alleging that these provisions were unfair to GOCO contractors.

The Army has advised us that the IFB has been canceled. Accordingly, the protest is academic and we will not consider it. Military Base Management, B-214834.2, July 20, 1984, 84-2 C.P.D. ¶ 68.

The protest is dismissed.

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