

DECISION



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

FILE: B-217135

DATE: March 8, 1985

MATTER OF: Unico, Inc.

DIGEST:

GAO will not consider protest by firm that will not be next in line for award if protest is sustained.

Unico, Inc., has filed a protest against the Air Force's award of a contract for word processing equipment to Central Texas Word Processing under solicitation No. F41800-84-R8704. The contract was awarded on the basis of lowest cost among the offerors satisfying the technical requirements identified in the solicitation. Unico contends that the awardee's equipment and software did not satisfy these requirements.

Unico was the third low offeror and has not contested the acceptability of the second low offeror's equipment and software. Consequently, even if we were to sustain Unico's protest, Unico would not be in line for award of the contract. In these circumstances, Unico is not an interested party and we, therefore, will not consider Unico's protest. The Harvey Company, B-215994, Sept. 28, 1984, 84-2 CPD ¶ 367.

The protest is dismissed.

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