



The Comptroller General
of the United States

Washington, D.C. 20548

Decision

Matter of: Carolina Parachute Corporation

File: B-233359

Date: November 1, 1988

DIGEST

The granting of an extension to apply for a certificate of competency is a matter within the discretion of the contracting agency, with the government's interest in proceeding with the acquisition, not the offeror's interest in obtaining an extension, controlling.

DECISION

Carolina Parachute Corporation protests the award of any contract under request for proposals (RFP) No. F41608-88-R-5497 issued by the San Antonio Air Logistics Center. Because it is awaiting the results of a court proceeding on its Chapter 11 reorganization Plan, Carolina seeks an extension of the due date for its application for a certificate of competency (COC) from the Small Business Administration. The procuring agency has denied the extension.

Our Office will not review an agency's refusal to grant a filing extension for a COC since granting an extension for filing or processing a COC application is a matter solely within the contracting agency's discretion. ESCO Air Filters, B-225552.2, Mar. 12, 1987, 87-1 CPD ¶ 279. The government's interest in proceeding with the acquisition, not the offeror's interest in obtaining an extension, is the controlling factor. F. Rulison & Sons, Inc., B-230758, Apr. 18, 1988, 88-1 CPD ¶ 379.

The protest is dismissed.

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