



Comptroller General
of the United States

Washington, D.C. 20548

Decision

Matter of: Allwest Systems, Inc.

File: B-256773

Date: April 22, 1994

DECISION

Allwest Systems, Inc. protests solicitation No. GS-08P--93-JXC-0055 issued by the General Services Administration.

We dismiss this protest because a subcontractor or prospective supplier is not an interested party.

Under the bid protest provisions of the Competition in Contracting Act of 1984, 31 U.S.C. §§ 3551-3556 (1988), only an "interested party" may protest a federal procurement. That is, a protester must be an actual or prospective bidder or offeror whose direct economic interest would be affected by the award of a contract or the failure to award a contract. 4 C.F.R. § 21.0(a). Determining whether a party is interested involves consideration of a variety of factors, including the nature of issues raised, the benefit of relief sought by the protester, and the party's status in relation to the procurement. Black Hills Refuse Serv., 67 Comp. Gen. 261 (1988), 88-1 CPD ¶ 151. A protester is not an interested party where it would not be in line for contract award were its protest to be sustained. ECS Composites, Inc., B-235849.2, Jan. 3, 1990, 90-1 CPD ¶ 7. Under these rules, a prospective subcontractor does not have the requisite interest to be an interested party because it is not a prospective or actual bidder or offeror. Nasatka Barrier, Inc., B-234371; B-234578, Mar. 31, 1989, 89-1 CPD ¶ 349.

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