



Comptroller General  
of the United States

Washington, D.C. 20548

## Decision

**Matter of:** ABB Susa, Inc./B & R Joint Venture

**File:** B-256886

**Date:** May 5, 1994

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### DECISION

ABB Susa, Inc./B & R Joint Venture, which submitted the third low bid in response to invitation for bids (IFB) No. 492-94-001, issued by the U.S. Agency for International Development (AID), protests the responsiveness of the two lower bids. We view this protest as academic because, subsequent to its filing, AID rejected the protester's bid as mathematically and materially unbalanced, which prompted a new protest by ABB Susa (B-256886.3). This new protest is unaffected by our dismissal of today and will be the subject of a future decision.

The jurisdiction of our Office is established by the bid protest provisions of the Competition in Contracting Act of 1984, 31 U.S.C. §§ 3551-3556 (1988). Our role in resolving bid protests is to ensure that the statutory requirements for full and open competition are met. Brown Assocs. Mgmt. Servs., Inc.--Request for Recon., B-235906.3, Mar. 16, 1990, 90-1 CPD ¶ 299.

The General Accounting Office will not consider protests where the issue presented has no practical consequences with regard to an existing federal government procurement, and thus is of purely academic interest. Accordingly, the protest is dismissed.

  
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