



Comptroller General
of the United States

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Washington, D.C. 20548

Decision

Matter of: Tahoe Woodcutters

File: B-258783

Date: October 14, 1994

DECISION

Tahoe Woodcutters protests any decision by the Department of Agriculture to proceed with the Southern California Fuelwood Sale.

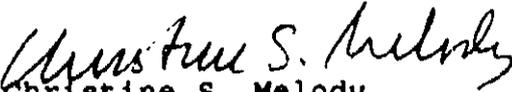
The protest, as filed with our Office, does not establish a basis for challenging the agency's action and, accordingly, must be dismissed.

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.--Recon., B-235906.3, Mar. 16, 1990, 90-1 CPD ¶ 299.

To achieve this end, our Bid Protest Regulations require that a protest include a detailed statement of the legal and factual grounds of a protest, 4 C.F.R. § 21.1(c)(4) (1994), and that the grounds stated be legally sufficient. 4 C.F.R. § 21.1(e). These requirements contemplate that protesters will provide, at a minimum, either allegations or evidence sufficient, if uncontradicted, to establish the likelihood that the protester will prevail in its claim of improper agency action. Robert Wall Edge--Recon., 68 Comp. Gen. 352 (1989), 89-1 CPD ¶ 335.

Here, the protest essentially consists of one paragraph stating that a certain individual (identified by name but without any indication of his role in the timber sale at issue) had invalidated an agreement with the protester for a "50/50 split of all assets." The protest thus does not

include sufficient factual information to establish the likelihood that the agency here violated applicable procurement laws or regulations. Therefore, it must be dismissed without further action.


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