



Comptroller General
of the United States
Washington, D.C. 20548

Decision

Matter Of: Total Property Services, Inc.

File No.: B-258645

Date: November 2, 1994

DECISION

Total Property Services, Inc. protests the award to any other offeror under solicitation No. 631-7-95 by the Department of Veterans Affairs.

We dismiss this protest because a suspended or debarred protester is not an interested party to challenge a procurement decision.

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). Since suspended or debarred contractors are not eligible for award of federal contracts, such a protester is not in line for contract award even if its protest were sustained. Eacrak, Inc., B-236798, Nov. 7, 1989, 89-2 CPD ¶ 442.

Total Property is currently debarred; therefore, it is not an interested party to maintain a protest.

The protest is dismissed.

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