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Comptroller General  
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# Decision

**Matter of:** Coastal International Security, Inc.  
**File:** B-259509  
**Date:** December 12, 1994

## DECISION

Coastal International Security, Inc. protests the award of a contract to DGS Contract Services by the Department of the Army under solicitation No. DAAD07-94-R-0121. Coastal alleges that DGS's prices are too low and do not take into account a wage escalation rate in a collective bargaining agreement as well as other fringe benefits and certain contractual and legal requirements.

A protester's claim that an offeror submitted an unreasonably low price--or even that the price is below the cost of performance or the government estimate--is not a valid basis for protest. An offeror, in its business judgment, properly may decide to submit a price that is extremely low. Diemaster Tool, Inc., B-238877, Apr. 5, 1990, 90-1 CPD ¶ 375. An agency decision that the contractor can perform the contract at the offered price is an affirmative determination of responsibility which we will not review absent a showing of possible fraud or bad faith on the part of procurement officials, or that definitive responsibility criteria in the solicitation may have been misapplied. JWK Int'l Corp., B-237527, Feb. 21, 1990, 90-1 CPD ¶ 198. There is no such showing here.

The protest is dismissed.

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