



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

Decision

Matter Of: American Business International, Ltd.

File No.: B-259037.2

Date: December 14, 1994

DECISION

American Business International, Ltd. again protests the rejection of its bid under invitation for bids No. F49624-94-B-0018 issued by the Department of the Air Force.

We dismiss the protest.

American's bid was rejected after the agency found American nonresponsible and after the Small Business Administration (SBA) declined to issue a certificate of competency.

We previously dismissed American's protest after pointing out that our review role in this area is limited to situations where the SBA may have acted fraudulently or in bad faith or where the SBA failed to consider vital information bearing on the protestor's responsibility. American now contends that the SBA failed to consider vital information concerning American's ability to perform the contract. Cases dealing with the SBA's failure to consider vital information involve situations where it was the contracting agency, by providing misleading information or by not providing appropriate information, that caused SBA not to have considered all vital information, and it is in that context that we review allegations of a failure to consider vital information. See Joanell Labs., Inc., B-242415.16, Mar. 5, 1993, 93-1 CPD ¶ 207. American makes no suggestion that the Air Force failed to provide all appropriate information to the SBA; it merely alleges an SBA failure to consider vital information without offering any explanation or evidence in support of the allegation. This is insufficient to establish a valid basis for protest.

The protest is dismissed.

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