



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

Decision

Matter of: Good Products Company
File: B-261513
Date: June 5, 1995

DECISION

Good Products Company, a small business, protests the General Services Administration's determination that it is not a responsible bidder under invitation for bids No. TFTC94-SM-9714.

We dismiss the protest.

The Small Business Act, 15 U.S.C. § 637(b)(7) (1988), gives the Small Business Administration (SBA), not our Office, the conclusive authority to review a contracting officer's determination that a small business is not responsible and to decide the matter by issuing or declining to issue a certificate of competency (COC). Since the SBA has exclusive authority to finally determine the responsibility of a small business, our Office generally does not review the contracting officer's decision that a small business is not responsible or the SBA's decision to issue or deny a COC. See 4 C.F.R. § 21.3(m)(3); MRL, Inc.--Request for Recon., B-236673.4, Aug. 29, 1989, 89-2 CPD ¶ 188.

The protest is dismissed.

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