



Comptroller General
of the United States

Washington, D.C. 20548

Decision

Matter of: International Automated Systems, Inc.

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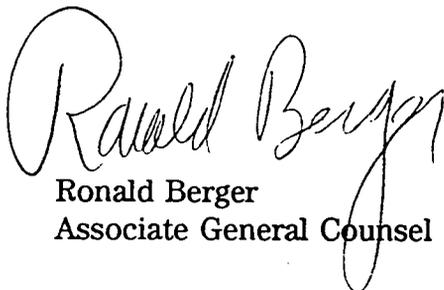
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DECISION

International Automated Systems, Inc. (IAS) protests the award of a contract to Horsley Company under request for proposals No. F33600-95-R-0064 by the Department of the Air Force. IAS contends that the awardee's price is too low to support the required performance under contract line item No. 0002.

We dismiss the protest.

The submission of a below cost offer is not a valid basis to object to a contract award. 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. Neither exception applies here.


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