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# Decision

**Matter of:** MGA Bonding & Assurance Services, Inc.

**File:** B-266348

**Date:** October 6, 1995

## DECISION

MGA Bonding & Assurance Services, Inc. protests any award of a contract by the Department of the Army under invitation for bids (IFB) No. DACA65-95-B-0036. MGA is the underwriter for the individual surety for U.S. General, Inc., the actual bidder in the above IFB.

We dismiss the protest on the basis that the protester is not an interested party.

Under the bid protest provisions of the Competition in Contracting Act of 1984, 31 U.S.C. §§ 3551-3556 (1988 and Supp. V 1993), 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). A protester is not an interested party where it would not be in line for contract award were its protest to be sustained. ECS Composites, Inc., B-235849.2, Jan. 3, 1990, 90-1 CPD ¶ 7.

The protest is dismissed.

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