DECISION



THE COMPTROLLER GENERAL OF THE UNITED STATES

WASHINGTON, D.C. 20548

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FILE: B-182926 DATE:

February 17, 1976

MATTER OF: Bancroft Cap Co., Inc.

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Upon request B-182926, January 2, 1976, is clarified to indicate that both SBA Regional Office and SBA Size Appeals Board found awardee other than small business by reason of affiliations, although on different grounds.

By letter dated January 14, 1976, counsel for Bancroft Cap Co., Inc. (Bancroft), requested reconsideration of our decision B-182926, January 2, 1976. In our decision, we rejected Bancroft's protest that Propper International, Inc. (Propper), had certified itself in bad faith to be a small business manufacturer of hats and caps under the applicable size standard.

Counsel for Bancroft contends that the following statement contained in our decision is inaccurate and requests clarification. The statement in question is contained on page 7:

"While the Kansas City SBA Regional Office found certain affiliations of Propper and other interests which were not reported by Propper to the New York SBA, such findings were not sustained by the SBA Size Appeals Board."

This sentence was included in our decision as support for our conclusion that Propper did not act in bad faith at the time it certified its firm to be a small business for the purposes of the subject procurement because the Kansas City bases for finding affiliation was not affirmed by the Small Business Administration (SBA) Size Appeals Board. However, the SBA Size Appeals Board after reviewing the Kansas City Regional Office decision sustained the latter's finding of Propper's "affiliation" but on different grounds.

We do not believe that Bancroft's request for reconsideration presents any evidence demonstrating errors of fact or law in our earlier decision and, accordingly, that decision is affirmed.

Deputy Comptroller General of the United States

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