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DECISION



**THE COMPTROLLER GENERAL
OF THE UNITED STATES**
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20548

FILE: B-204193

DATE: August 18, 1981

MATTER OF: Royal Business Machines Dealer of
Jacksonville

DIGEST:

GAO does not review affirmative determinations of responsibility except in limited circumstances.

Royal Business Machines Dealer of Jacksonville protests the award by the General Services Administration of a contract for the repair and maintenance of typewriters to Advanced Business Systems under invitation for bids GSA-4DPR-10008. Royal alleges that the awardee is not a responsible firm.

The award to Advanced Business Systems necessarily involved a finding by GSA that the firm is responsible. See Federal Procurement Regulations § 1.1202 (1964 ed.). Our Office does not review affirmative determinations of responsibility unless the protester shows either that contracting officials may have committed fraud or that the solicitation contained definitive responsibility criteria which were not applied. AAA Forestry Services, Inc. B-203175, June 5, 1981, 81-1 CPD 452. The protest does not indicate that either exception is involved here.

The protest is dismissed.

J. H. Barclay, Jr.
for
Harry R. Van Cleve
Acting General Counsel

[Protest Alleging That Awardee Is Not Responsible]

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