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DECISION

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

FILE: B-204446

DATE: August 31, 1981

MATTER OF: Industrial Lease Inc. of Fayetteville

DIGEST:

Protest concerning small business size status is not for consideration by GAO since exclusive authority is statutorily vested with Small Business Administration.

Industrial Lease Inc. of Fayetteville (Industrial), protests any award of a contract to Transco Security Inc. of Ohio (Transco) under solicitation No. 273-81-B-0019, a small business set-aside for security guard services at the National Institute of Environmental Health Sciences.

Industrial contends that Transco's size exceeds that which is required by law to qualify for security contracts set aside for small business.

Under 15 U.S.C. § 637(b)(6) (1976), the Small Business Administration has exclusive authority to determine matters of small business size status for procurement purposes. Therefore, our Office will not review questions of a bidder's small business size status. See Home Oxygen & Medical Equipment, Inc., B-201370, December 29, 1980, 80-2 CPD 445.

Accordingly, the protest is dismissed.

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