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DECISION



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

FILE: B-209309

DATE: October 8, 1982

MATTER OF: Inland Service Corporation

DIGEST:

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

Inland Service Corporation protests the award of a contract to B.F.I. Waste Systems under solicitation No. F34650-82-B-0012, issued by Tinker A.F.B., Oklahoma as a small business set-aside. Inland alleges that B.F.I. Waste Systems is an affiliate of a national organization and therefore is not a small business.

We cannot consider this protest. Under 15 U.S.C. § 637(b)(6) (1976), the Small Business Administration has exclusive authority to determine matters of small business size status. See DOT Systems, Inc., B-206040, B-206095, January 26, 1982, 82-I CPD 57.

The protest is dismissed.

for 
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