



The Comptroller General
of the United States

Washington, D.C. 20548

Decision

Matter of: Acme Reporting Company, Inc.
File: B-224308
Date: October 10, 1986

DIGEST

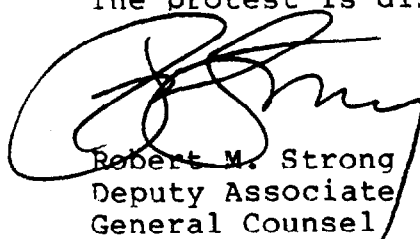
General Accounting Office will not consider a protest from a suspended firm since the firm is ineligible for a contract award and, therefore, is not an interested party to protest.

DECISION

Acme Reporting Company, Inc., protests the issuance as a small business set-aside of National Labor Relations Board (NLRB) invitation for bids (IFB) No. 87-8B-00202, for reporting services.

The NLRB has advised our Office that after filing the protest Acme was suspended from contracting with the government. Under our Bid Protest Regulations, a party must be "interested" before our Office will consider the merits of its protest. 4 C.F.R. §§ 21.0(a) and 21.1(a) (1986). Since Acme, because of the suspension, is ineligible for award of this contract even if its protest were sustained, see Federal Acquisition Regulation, 48 C.F.R. § 9.405 (1985), the firm is not an interested party. Potomac Contractors, B-223173, June 3, 1986, 86-1 C.P.D. ¶ 520.

The protest is dismissed.


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