



The Comptroller General
of the United States

Washington, D.C. 20548

Decision

Matter of: Sun Coast Grading & Paving, Inc.
File: B-227686
Date: August 5, 1987

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

Sun Coast Grading & Paving, Inc., protests the rejection of its bid under Department of the Air Force invitation for bids No. F08651-87-B-0442.

The Air Force reports that after filing the protest Sun Coast was suspended from doing business 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) (1987). Since Sun Coast, 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 (1986), 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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