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Comptroller General
of the United States

Washington, D.C. 20548

Decision

Matter of: Trover's Security Service, Inc.
File: B-242662
Date: January 28, 1991

Charles L. Trover for the protester.
John Formica, Esq., Office of the General Counsel, GAO,
participated in the preparation of the decision.

DIGEST

Protest that agency failed to properly notify protester of award of a contract under request for proposals for security guard services is dismissed as not stating a basis for protest.

DECISION

Trover's Security Service, Inc. protests that it was not properly notified of the award of a contract to another firm under request for proposals (RFP) No. DTFA-02-90-R-00901, issued by the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA), Department of Transportation, for security guard services at the Mike Monroney Aeronautical Center in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma.

We summarily dismiss the protest without obtaining a full agency report because it is clear that the protest does not state a valid basis. Bid Protest Regulations, 4 C.F.R. § 21.3(m) (1990).

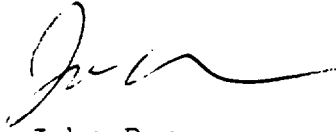
Trover, the incumbent contractor, complains that it was not properly notified that an award had been made and only learned of the award through the Aeronautical Center's newsletter. The FAA informed us, however, that while it has made a selection, no actual award has yet been made, and that the article in the Center's newsletter was erroneous.

While the award has not yet been made, even if it had, we generally will not consider a protest by an unsuccessful offeror that it was not properly notified of award. An agency's failure to properly notify unsuccessful offerors is

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only procedural in nature and does not effect the validity of the award or provide a basis upon which to sustain a protest. Norden Serv. Co., B-235526, Aug. 22, 1989, 89-2 CPD ¶ 167.

The protest is dismissed.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "John Brosnan", written in a cursive style.

John Brosnan
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