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Decision

Matter of: Associated Tool Company, Inc.

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DECISION

Associated Tool Co., Inc. protests the award of a contract to Engineered Air Systems, Inc. under request for proposals (RFP) No. SLA120-93-R-0183, issued by the Defense Logistics Agency. The RFP provided for award on a best value basis, after considering both technical merit and price. In this regard, the technical factors were stated to be of greater importance than price.

A protester's assertion that it should have received the award solely because it offered a lower price or cost than did the awardee fails to state a valid basis for protest where the solicitation provided that award would be based on technical factors as well as on cost. In negotiated procurements, unless the request for proposals so specifies, there is no requirement that award be based on lowest cost. Stewart-Warner Elecs. Corp., B-235774.2, Dec. 27, 1989, 89-2 CPD ¶ 598.

Since the solicitation here did not provide for award solely on the basis of cost, the protest is dismissed.

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