



Comptroller General
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Decision

Matter of: Medina Contracting Company

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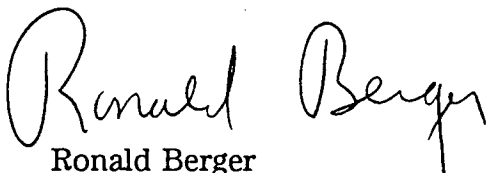
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DECISION

Medina Contracting Company protests the award of a contract to the low bidder by the Department of Veterans Affairs under invitation for bids No. 640-2-95. Medina contends that the awardee's price is too low to "pay the required wages and accomplish a quality job of cleaning that is required in a medical environment."

The submissions of a below cost offer is not a valid basis to object to a contract award. An offeror, in its business judgment, properly may decide to submit a price that is extremely low. Diemaster Tool, Inc., B-238877, Apr. 5, 1990, 90-1 CPD ¶ 375. An agency decision that the contractor can perform the contract at the offered price is an affirmative determination of responsibility which we will not review absent a showing of possible fraud or bad faith on the part of procurement officials, or that definitive responsibility criteria in the solicitation may have been misapplied. JWK Int'l Corp., B-237527, Feb. 21, 1990, 90-1 CPD ¶ 198. Neither exception applies here.

The protest is dismissed.


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