



COMPTROLLER GENERAL OF THE UNITED STATES  
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20548

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Dear Mr. Secretary:

We refer to report LGPM dated November 7, 1972, relative to the protest of Amcor, Inc., against the award of a contract to another firm under invitation for bids F41612-72-3-0402, issued by Sheppard Air Force Base, Texas.

Enclosed herewith is a copy of our decision of today denying the protest. However, during the course of our review, we noticed that a bid was rejected as nonresponsive because one of the individual sureties listed on the bid bond failed to show a net worth equal to the total penal amount of the bond. In this regard, we are enclosing for your information a copy of our decision 52 Comp. Gen. 184 (B-176392, October 10, 1972), wherein we concluded that the matter of the net worth of an individual surety on a bid bond reflects upon the responsibility of the surety and does not relate to the responsiveness of the bid, and such net worth may properly be determined after bid opening, subject to the time restraints of the procurement.

Sincerely yours,

PAUL G. DEMBLING

For the Comptroller General  
of the United States

Enclosures

The Honorable  
The Secretary of the Air Force