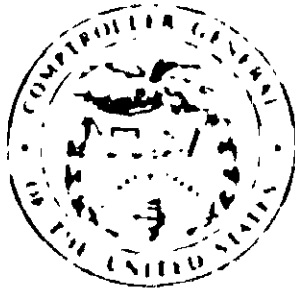


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DECISION



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

FILE: B-187461

DATE: October 5, 1976

MATTER OF: Indian Made Products Company

DIGEST:

General Accounting Office has no authority to review a Small Business Administration determination to decline to issue a Certificate of Competency.

This is a protest by Indian Made Products Company (Indian Made) concerning the decision of the Small Business Administration (SBA) not to issue a Certificate of Competency (COC) for Indian Made under solicitation FPOO-E2-48919A, issued by the General Services Administration. The firm requests that the denial be reconsidered by the SBA.

Under 15 U.S.C. § 637(b)(7) (1970), SEA has the authority to conclusively determine the capacity and credit of small business concerns for a particular procurement. Our Office is not authorized to review SBA determinations or to require the SBA to issue a COC or to reopen a case when a COC has been denied. Environmental Tectonics Corporation, B-185259, February 13, 1976, 76-1 CPD 101; Unitron Engineering Company, B-181350, August 20, 1974, 74-2 CPD 112.

SBA Regulations provide that if an applicant requests a meeting with the appropriate SBA regional personnel to discuss the reasons for denial of a COC, such a meeting will be held in order to explain fully to the applicant the reasons for SBA's action. 13 C.F.R. § 124.8-16(d) (1976). However, such conference is for the sole purpose of enabling the applicant to improve or correct its capacity or credit and does not constitute a basis for reopening the case in which the Certificate was denied. 13 C.F.R., supra.

Accordingly, the protest is dismissed.

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for

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