

THE COMPTROLLER GENERAL OF THE UNITED STATES WASHINGTON, D.C. 20545

FILE: B-213948

**DATE:** April 4, 1984

MATTER OF: Joe W. Vallie

## DIGEST:

Complaint alleging that a firm which was awarded a contract under a "total Buy-Indian set-aside" has "a negative view in hiring Indians" and "has failed to hire qualified Indians who applied for positions with this firm" relates to contract administration and therefore is not for resolution under GAO's Bid Protest Procedures.

Joe W. Vallie complains about the hiring practices of Colombe, Inc. a firm which was awarded Department of the Interior contract No. A0014201249 on March 1, 1983 to produce new and update old title status reports under request for proposals A00-0251, a "total Buy-Indian set-aside."

Mr. Vallie alleges that Colombe "has a negative view in hiring Indians" and "has failed to hire qualified Indians who applied for positions with this firm" in performance of contract No. A0014201249.

While the agency report to our Office indicates that Mr. Vallie's allegations are unsupported, we conclude that these allegations raise questions of contract administration. Such questions are not for resolution under our Bid Protest Procedures, 4 C.F.R. part 21 (1983). <u>Business</u> <u>Equipment & Systems, Inc.</u>, B-212708, September 6, 1983, 83-2 CPD 307.

Therefore, we dismiss the complaint.

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