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DECISION



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

FILE: B-204415

DATE: October 13, 1981

MATTER OF: Mandex Incorporated

DIGEST:

Procurement conducted by the Treasury Department pursuant to cooperative agreement between the United States and the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia does not involve use of funds subject to GAO account settlement authority and protest of such procurement is therefore dismissed.

Mandex Incorporated protests against the cancellation of request for proposals No. RFP-SAG-81-1 issued by the Department of the Treasury, Office of Procurement, Saudi Arabian Procurement Support Staff (Treasury) for professional recruitment services.

Under § 21.1(a) of our Bid Protest Procedures, 4 C.F.R. part 21 (1981), we consider protests against contract awards in circumstances where the "accounts are subject to settlement" by this Office. Wang Laboratories, Inc., B-195015, June 25, 1979, 79-1 CPD 454.

Treasury advises that the protested procurement is in support of the U.S. - Saudi Arabian Joint Commission on Economic Cooperation. The work is to be paid for entirely with funds deposited by the Saudi Arabians with Treasury as custodian of the Saudi Arabian Technical Cooperation Account. These funds are held in a deposit fund account under which Treasury acts as banker or agent for the owner, and are not subject to the restrictions applicable to appropriated funds. Consequently, we must decline to consider the matter.

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