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Comptroller General
of the United States

Washington, D.C. 20548

Decision

Matter of: Hawpe Construction, Inc.

File: B-266272

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DECISION

Hawpe Construction, Inc. protests the small disadvantaged business size status of Evco National, Inc., a joint venture, under invitation for bids No. N68950-95-B-9037 issued by the Department of the Navy.

We dismiss the protest because our Office generally does not review the stewardship of small disadvantaged business contracting programs.

Small disadvantaged business status under the Department of Defense's small disadvantaged business contracting program is determined by the Small Business Administration (SBA), not the General Accounting Office. 13 C.F.R. §§ 124.601 et seq. Under SBA's regulations, a protest challenging the disadvantaged status of a bidder or offeror is to be timely filed with the contracting officer, who in turn refers it to the SBA for a decision. 13 C.F.R. § 124.605. Accordingly, there is no basis for us to consider the protest.

The protest is dismissed.

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