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DECISION



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

FILE: B-192466

DATE: August 29, 1978

MATTER OF:

Trans World Optics, Inc.

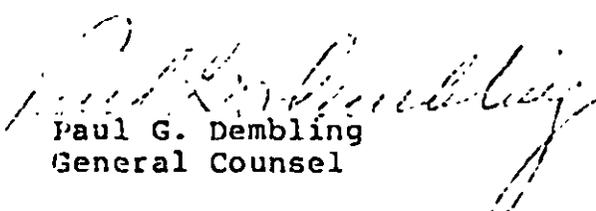
DIGEST:

Protest concerning small business size status of low bidder is not for consideration by GAO since by law it is matter for decision by SSA.

Trans World Optics, Inc. (Trans World), protests award of United States Army Armament Command, Rock Island, Illinois, project DAAA09-78-B-2146, a small business set-aside, to Optic Electronics of Texas, the apparent low bidder. Trans World alleges the ineligibility of the low bidder as a small business concern since its acquisition by United Scientific of England.

Under 15 U.S.C. § 637(b)(6) (1975), the Small Business Administration (SBA) is empowered to conclusively determine small business size status for Federal procurement and sales purposes. The matter is for resolution by SBA and not this Office. See Walco Power Service, Inc., B-190128, September 29, 1977, 77-2 CPD 246.

Accordingly, the protest is dismissed.


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