

DECISION

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

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26452**FILE:** B-213159**DATE:** October 11, 1983**MATTER OF:** Worthington Division, McGraw-Edison Co.**DIGEST:**

GAO will not consider a protest that a competitive procurement should be conducted on a sole-source basis with a particular firm.

The Worthington Division of McGraw-Edison Co. protests the competitive procurement and award of contract under Request for Quotations N00181-83-Q-Z060, issued by the Norfolk Naval Shipyard for various parts used on boiler feed pump turbines for use on combatant vessels. Award was made to the low bidder. The protester contends that only Worthington is capable of providing the parts.

Worthington essentially requests a sole-source award. However, in view of the objective of our bid protest function, to insure full and free competition for government contracts, our Office will not review a protest that an agency should procure supplies from a particular firm on a sole-source basis. Gentex Corporation, B-212022, June 17, 1983, 83-1 CPD 666.

The protest is dismissed.

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