

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

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DATE: November 21, 1983

MATTER OF: Central Travel Consultants

DIGEST:

Protest concerning an offeror's small business size status is not for review by GAO since by law it is a matter for decision by the Small Business Administration.

Central Travel Consultants protests a contract award to Omega World Travel by the National Science Foundation under request for proposals (RFP) No. 82-108. The procurement was set aside for small business firms. Central Travel contends that the award was improper because Omega is a large business.

The protest is dismissed.

Under 15 U.S.C. § 637(b)(6) (1982), the Small Business Administration (SBA) has conclusive authority to determine matters of small business size status for federal procurement purposes. For that reason, this Office does not consider size status protests. Amendments to GAO Bid Protest Procedures, 48 Fed. Reg. 1931 (1983) to be codified at 4 C.F.R. § 21.3(g)(2).

The protest is dismissed.

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