

DECISION



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

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FILE: B-215878

DATE: July 31, 1984

MATTER OF: Danline Inc.

DIGEST:

There is nothing illegal in the government's acceptance of a below-cost offer so long as the offeror is responsible.

Danline Inc. protests contract awards to Sweepster Jenkins Equipment Co. under two Defense Logistics Agency solicitations, Nos. DLA700-84-R-1394 and -0926. Danline complains that Sweepster won the competitions by offering prices that were less than the firm's costs.

There is nothing illegal, however, in the government's acceptance of a below-cost offer so long as the offeror is responsible. See Biospherics, Inc.-- Reconsideration, B-203419.4, March 16, 1982, 82-1 CPD ¶ 246. The protest therefore is dismissed.

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