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Mr. Nungio J. Palladino
Chairman
U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission
Washington, D.C. 20555

Dear Mr. Chairman:

The Small Business Committee has maintained a continuing interest in small business contracting opportunities within the Federal government. Set-aside programs were established by Congress to increase the opportunities for small business concerns and have become an increasingly important mechanism to accomplish this worthwhile goal.

I am deeply concerned about a recent decision by the Nuclear Regulatory Commission to withdraw a portion of an agency requirement for court reporting services which was previously a small business set-aside. It is my understanding that the incumbent small firm, Tayloe Associates, has been performing this work satisfactorily.

The procurement to which I refer is IFB No. SECY-84-327 and is scheduled for award on March 25, 1984. A small part of the former requirement, that portion to be performed within the District of Columbia area, would continue to be designated as a set-aside. The Small Business Administration has protested the agency's decision.

I would appreciate an explanation as to why it was deemed necessary to split this requirement and to remove what I understand to be the more profitable portion. I would also appreciate receiving any cost or pricing data used as the basis for your decision.

I look forward to your prompt reply.

Sincerely,

Parren J. Mitchell
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3/9/84

Mr. Trace, SPS called. In N.Y. today, before DC on 3/12.

Wanted to know if we received his bid - his messenger was out and they had to use a substitute.

Informed him we did receive his bid - he is apparent low bidder.

K.D.

BID LISTED REFERENCES:

NLRB -

Fed Labor Relations Auth

CSA -