

**United States Small Business Administration
Office of Hearings and Appeals**

CVE Protest of:

Security Operations Group International,
LLC,

Protestor,

Re: Griffin Resources, LLC

Solicitation No. 36C25620Q0670

U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs
Network Contracting Office 16

SBA No. CVE-171-P

Decided: November 24, 2020

ORDER DISMISSING PROTEST¹

On October 14, 2020, Security Operations Group International, LLC (Protestor) protested the Service Disabled Veteran-Owned Small Business (SDVOSB) status of Griffin Resources, LLC (Griffin) in connection with the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) Solicitation No. 36C25620Q0670. On November 6, 2020, the Contracting Officer (CO) forwarded the Protest to the Small Business Administration (SBA) Office of Hearings and Appeals (OHA).

The CO informed OHA that Protester received notification that Griffin was the apparent successful offeror on October 6, 2020. (Letter from K. Pollard, November 10, 2020.) The Protestor filed the instant protest on October 14, 2020, which appeared untimely.

Based on the forgoing, I issued an Order to Show Cause on November 10, 2020, directing Protestor to show cause why the protest petition should not be dismissed as untimely by no later than November 18, 2020. Protester did not provide OHA with a response.

Under the regulations governing protests challenging the SDVOSB status of a concern in response to a VA solicitation, a protestor must file a protest within five business days of notification of the apparent awardee's identity. 13 C.F.R. § 134.1004(a)(2)(i). Because notice of Griffin's identity, as the apparent successful offeror, was provided on October 6, 2020, any SDVOSB status protest would have been due no later than October 13, 2020. The instant protest was received by the CO on October 14, 2020 and is therefore untimely. 13 C.F.R. § 134.1004(a).

¹ OHA adjudicates SDVOSB status protest under the authority of 38 U.S.C. § 8127(f)(8)(B) and 13 C.F.R. part 134 subpart J.

For the above reasons, the protest is DISMISSED with prejudice. This is the final agency decision of the U.S. Small Business Administration. 13 C.F.R. § 134.1007(b).

CHRISTOPHER HOLLEMAN
Administrative Judge