United States Small Business Administration Office of Hearings and Appeals

VSBC Protest of:

Blue Collar Ops, Inc.,

Protestor,

Re: Avanti Technologies, Inc.

Solicitation No. SPE1C1-22-R-0002 (Lot 02)

Defense Logistics Agency

SBA No. VSBC-314-P

Decided: October 30, 2023

ORDER DISMISSING PROTEST¹

On September 24, 2023, the Contracting Officer (CO) for the subject procurement forwarded to the Small Business Administration (SBA) Office of Hearings and Appeals (OHA) a status protest filed by Blue Collar Ops, Inc. (Protestor) against Avanti Technologies, Inc. (Avanti) in connection with the U.S. Department of Defense, Defense Logistics Agency (DLA) Solicitation No. SPE1C1-22-R-0002 (Lot 02). Protestor alleges that Avanti is not eligible for the subject Service-Disabled Veteran-Owned Small Business (SDVOSB) set aside because it is not controlled by a service-disabled veteran (SDV).

On October 25, 2023, the CO informed OHA that Avanti "removed themselves from consideration" for the award, thus the CO "has removed Avanti from consideration for award and is in the process of making a new award decision." (E-mail from R. Owen (October 25, 2023).) Also on October 25, 2023, Protestor moved to withdraw its protest. (E-mail from K. Rowe (October 25, 2023).)

Protestor's withdrawal renders this protest moot, as there is no longer any case or controversy for OHA to resolve. See, e.g., CVE Protest of NEIE Med. Waste Servs., LLC, SBA No. CVE-251-P (2022); CVE Protest of SouthCo Servs. LLC, SBA No. CVE-228-P (2022); CVE Protest of Reliable Vets, LLC, SBA No. CVE-222-P (2022); CVE Protest of Allserv, Inc., SBA No. CVE-207-P (2021).

¹ This protest is decided under the Small Business Act of 1958, 15 U.S.C. § 657f and 13 C.F.R. Part 134 Subpart J.

For the above reasons, the protest is DISMISSED. This is the final agency action of the U.S. Small Business Administration. 15 U.S.C. \S 657f(f)(6)(A); 13 C.F.R. \S 134.1007(b).

CHRISTOPHER HOLLEMAN Administrative Judge