

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

VSBC Protest of:

JBL System Solutions, LLC,

Protestor,

Re: 3T Business Group, LLC

Solicitation No. SPE71-24-T-083Y

Defense Logistics Agency

SBA No. VSBC-340-P

Decided: March 8, 2024

ORDER DISMISSING PROTEST¹

On February 29, 2024, JBL System Solutions, LLC (Protestor) filed the above-captioned protest, purporting to challenge the Service-Disabled Veteran-Owned Small Business (SDVOSB) status of 3T Business Group, LLC (3T), the apparent awardee of Defense Logistics Agency (DLA) Request for Quotations (RFQ) No. SPE71-24-T-083Y. The Contracting Officer (CO) forwarded the protest to the U.S. Small Business Administration (SBA) Office of Hearings and Appeals (OHA) for review.

In its protest, Protestor asserts that 3T “is not a[n] SBA certified SDVOSB,” but offers no supporting evidence. (Protest at 1.) Protestor does not attempt to argue that 3T is non-compliant with any of the SDVOSB eligibility criteria set forth in 13 C.F.R. part 128. (*Id.*) Nor does Protestor contend that 3T is not owned or controlled by one or more service-disabled veterans. (*Id.*)

Contrary to the premise of the protest, SBA's Veteran Small Business Certification (VetCert) database indicates that 3T is, in fact, an SBA-certified SDVOSB.² Protestor has offered no other reason to doubt that 3T qualifies as an SDVOSB. As a result, this protest is nonspecific. Under applicable regulations, a proper SDVOSB status protest must include “[s]pecific allegations supported by credible evidence that the [challenged] concern (or joint venture) does not meet the VOSB or SDVOSB eligibility requirements listed in [13 C.F.R.] part

¹ This protest is decided under the Small Business Act of 1958, 15 U.S.C. § 631 *et seq.*, and 13 C.F.R. parts 128 and 134 subpart J.

² Veteran Small Business Certification (sba.gov) (visited Mar. 7, 2024). 3T was last verified on June 24, 2020, and its certification expires June 24, 2024.

128.” 13 C.F.R. § 134.1005(a)(2). A protest “merely asserting that the protested concern is not an eligible VOSB or SDVOSB, without setting forth specific facts or allegations, is insufficient.” *Id.* OHA will dismiss a nonspecific protest. *Id.* § 134.1007(b).

Accordingly, the protest is DISMISSED. The sole grounds for the protest — that 3T is not an SBA-certified SDVOSB — is factually incorrect, and Protestor has not advanced any other reason to believe, or any supporting evidence, that 3T may not qualify as an SDVOSB. This is the final decision of the U.S. Small Business Administration. 13 C.F.R. § 134.1007(b).

KENNETH M. HYDE
Administrative Judge