

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

VSBC Protest of:

Airborne Medical, LLC,

Protestor,

Re: Trillamed LLC

Solicitation No. 36C26025Q0089

U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs

SBA No. VSBC-429-P

Decided: April 7, 2025

ORDER DISMISSING PROTEST

On March 14, 2025, Airborne Medical, LLC (Protestor) protested the Service-Disabled Veteran-Owned Small Business (SDVOSB) status of Trillamed LLC (Trillamed), in connection with U.S. Department of Veteran Affairs (Agency) Solicitation No. 36C26025Q0089, to the U.S. Department of Veteran Affairs. The CO, in turn, forwarded the Protest to the Small Business Administration, Office of Hearings and Appeals (OHA) on March 24, 2025.

Upon review, the protest appeared deficient for several reasons. Under OHA's rules of procedure, a valid VOSB or SDVOSB protest must be in writing and must contain “[s]pecific allegations supported by credible evidence that the concern . . . does not meet the VOSB or SDVOSB eligibility requirements listed in part 128 of this chapter. A protest merely asserting that the protested concern is not an eligible VOSB or SDVOSB, without setting forth specific facts or allegations, is insufficient.” 13 C.F.R. § 134.1005(a)(2). Furthermore, a valid VOSB or SDVOSB protest must also contain the “name, address, telephone number, and email address, if available, and signature of the protester or its attorney.” 13 C.F.R. § 134.1005(a)(4). Finally, each submission or filing with OHA requires a certificate of service. 13 C.F.R. § 134.1006; 13 C.F.R. § 134.204.

In this case, Protestor made assertions about the challenged concern's eligibility without setting forth specific facts or allegations, which rendered the instant protest insufficient. 13 C.F.R. § 134.1005(a)(2). Additionally, the protest lacked a proper address and signature from either the protestor or its attorney. 13 C.F.R. § 134.1005(a)(4). The protest also did not contain a certificate of service. 13 C.F.R. § 134.1006; 13 C.F.R. § 134.204.

For these reasons, I issued an Order to Show Cause on March 25, 2025 as to why the appeal should not be dismissed as untimely and/or non-specific. The deadline for a response to the Order was April 4, 2025. Protestor failed to respond to this Order.

By failing to respond to OHA's Order to Show Cause, Protestor essentially concedes that its protest was nonspecific. *E.g.*, *VSBC Protest of Terrestris LLC*, SBA No. VSBC-269-P (2023). Furthermore, a party's failure to comply with an OHA order may, by itself, be grounds for dismissal. 13 C.F.R. § 134.219.

Accordingly, I must DISMISS the instant protest. This is the final decision of the U.S. Small Business Administration. 13 C.F.R. § 134.1007(b).

CHRISTOPHER HOLLEMAN
Administrative Judge