



DEPARTMENT OF THE AIR FORCE

ARLINGTON, VA 22202-3258

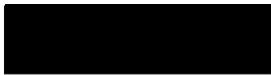
Office of the Deputy General Counsel

SEP 30 2011

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SAF/GCR
1235 S. Clark Street
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Mr. Aaron I. Das



Re: Notice of Debarment

Mr. Das:

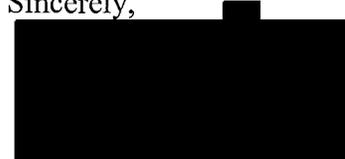
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On May 18, 2011, the Air Force proposed you for debarment and afforded you the opportunity to submit information and argument in opposition to your proposed debarment. You were issued a Notice of Proposed Debarment and a Memorandum in Support of the Proposed Debarment. To date, you have not submitted a written response.

I have carefully considered all information contained in the Administrative Record and determined that a preponderance of the evidence establishes the existence of a cause for debarment, and you have failed to demonstrate your present responsibility. I have concluded that debarment is in the public interest and necessary to protect the Government's interests.

The effects of debarment are set forth in the Notice of Proposed Debarment issued to you, as well as in FAR Subpart 9.4, Defense FAR Supplement 209.4 and Appendix H, and 2 C.F.R. Part 1125, which are provided on our website at: <http://www.safgc.hq.af.mil/organizations/gcr/index.asp>. Your debarment is effective immediately and will run from the date of your proposed debarment, August 31, 2011. Your debarment will terminate on August 30, 2014.

Sincerely,



STEVEN A. SHAW
Deputy General Counsel
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Mr. Digendra Kumar Das
a/k/a Digen Das



Re: Notice of Debarment

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MEMORANDUM IN SUPPORT OF THE PROPOSED DEBARMENTS OF:

DIGENDRA KUMAR DAS aka DIGEN DAS
AARON I. DAS

Effective this date, the Air Force has proposed the debarments of Digendra Kumar Das, aka Digen Das, (collectively Dr. Das), and Aaron I. Das (A. Das) from Government contracting and from directly or indirectly receiving the benefits of federal assistance programs. This action is initiated pursuant to Federal Acquisition Regulation (FAR) Subpart 9.4.

INFORMATION IN THE RECORD

Information in the record establishes by a preponderance of the evidence that at all times relevant hereto:

Improper Conduct

1. Dr. Das, Ph.D, is an established sole-proprietorship government contractor based in Sauquoit, NY.
2. A. Das is Dr. Das's son and lives with Dr. Das.
3. On January 28, 2005, Dr. Das was awarded a Cooperative Agreement Grant (CA) No. FA8750-05-2-0043 from Air Force Research Laboratory Information Directorate (AFRL/RI) to provide a comprehensive computing model to support AFRL/RI in Rome, NY.
4. Dr. Das submitted 14 vouchers to the Government under the CA; nine of the vouchers collectively claimed \$36,400 for work A. Das allegedly performed.
5. On each of the nine vouchers claiming work performed by Intern, A. Das, Dr. Das represented that he had incurred certain specified costs, and was seeking reimbursement.
6. Dr. Das did not pay A. Das for the work allegedly performed and, thus, did not incur such costs.
7. Dr. Das initially lied to investigators and represented that he paid A. Das for such work. Ultimately, Dr. Das admitted he did not pay A. Das. Dr. Das claimed he withheld paying his son because his son owed him money from a loan to finish his graduate education.
8. A. Das also lied to investigators and represented that he was paid for such work.

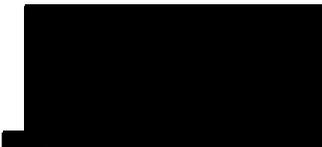
9. Dr. Das and A. Das provided inconsistent statements to investigators regarding the work allegedly performed, the location of such work, and the method of payment.
10. DCAA found Dr. Das's claimed costs associated with Intern work to be unallowable due to the fact Dr. Das did not incur such costs.
11. Dr. Das also informed investigators that A. Das did not work all of the hours claimed on his timesheets despite that such timesheets were signed by Dr. Das and such time appeared on the vouchers submitted to the Government.
12. As a result of the aforementioned improper conduct, Dr. Das submitted nine false claims to the Government.
13. On June 29, 2011, Dr. Das and the United States Attorney's Office, District of Massachusetts, entered into a settlement agreement to resolve the false claims, whereby Dr. Das agreed to repay the United States Government \$26,245.00.

BASES FOR THE PROPOSED DEBARMENTS

1. The improper conduct of Dr. Das and A. Das is of so serious or compelling a nature that it affects their present responsibility to be Government contractors or subcontractors and provides a separate independent basis for each of their debarments pursuant to FAR 9.406-2(c).

Affiliation

2. Pursuant to FAR 9.406-1(b), debarments may be extended to the affiliates of a contractor. Dr. Das and A. Das are affiliates, as defined at FAR 9.403 (Affiliates), because directly or indirectly, either one has the power to control the other or a third party has the power to control both. Dr. Das and A. Das are affiliates, as defined at FAR 9.403 (Affiliates), because indicia of control includes the identity of interests among family members. The affiliation of Dr. Das and A. Das provides a separate independent basis for each of their debarments.


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Aaron I. Das
[REDACTED]

Re: Notice of Proposed Debarment

Dear Mr. Das:

You are hereby notified that the Air Force has proposed that you, Aaron I. Das, be debarred from federal Government contracting and from directly or indirectly receiving the benefits of federal assistance programs. This action is initiated pursuant to the authority and the procedures of the Federal Acquisition Regulation (FAR) Subpart 9.4. Copies of FAR 9.4, Defense FAR Supplement 209.4 and Appendix H, and 2 C.F.R. Part 1125 are provided on our website at <http://www.safgc.hq.af.mil/organizations/gcr/index.asp>. 2 C.F.R. Part 1125 is the Defense Department's implementation of the Nonprocurement Common Rule referenced in FAR 9.401. If you do not have access to the Internet and wish to receive a hardcopy of the aforementioned regulations, please submit a written request to my counsel as designated below.

The proposed debarment is based upon the information in the attached Memorandum In Support of the Proposed Debarments (Encl. 1).

The proposed debarment is effective this day and has the following consequences during the period of proposed debarment:

1. Your name will be published in Excluded Parties List System, available at <https://www.epls.gov/>, a publication of the General Services Administration that contains the names of contractors debarred, suspended, proposed for debarment, or declared ineligible by any agency of the Federal Government. Proposed debarment is effective throughout the executive branch of the Federal Government and applies to procurement and nonprocurement programs.
2. Offers will not be solicited from, contracts will not be awarded to, existing contracts will not be renewed or otherwise extended for, and subcontracts requiring Government

approval will not be approved for you by any agency in the executive branch of the Federal Government unless the head of the agency taking the contracting action or a designee states in writing the compelling reason for continued business dealings between you and the agency.

3. You may not conduct business with the Federal Government as an agent or representative of other contractors, nor may you act as an individual surety for other contractors.

4. No Government contractor may award you a subcontract equal to or in excess of \$30,000 unless there is a compelling reason to do so and the contractor first notifies the contracting officer and further complies with the provisions of FAR 9.405-2(b).

5. No agency in the executive branch shall enter into, renew, or extend primary or lower-tier covered transactions in which you are either a participant or principal, unless the head of the agency grants an exception in writing. (Covered transactions are defined at 2 C.F.R. Section 1125.30).

6. You may not act as an agent or representative of other participants in federal assistance programs.

7. Your affiliation with or relationship to any organization doing business with the Government will be carefully examined to determine the impact of those ties on the responsibility of that organization to be a Government contractor or to receive federal assistance.

Within 30 calendar days of the date of this notice, you may submit, either in person or in writing, or both, information and argument in opposition to the proposed debarment. If you provide a written response, an original and one hardcopy must be submitted and an electronic copy is appreciated. You are encouraged to Bates number your submission, including attachments thereto.

If you designate a representative to respond on your behalf, please notify my counsel in writing of the identity of the representative. The designation should specifically state the names and addresses of all individuals or companies the designee has the authority to represent in this matter.

Your submission, if any, should include any specific information that may raise a genuine dispute over material facts. If it is found that the information submitted raises a genuine dispute over material facts, fact-finding may be conducted to determine the disputed facts. Facts proved by conviction or civil judgment, however, are not subject to dispute in this proceeding.

This debarment proceeding has been initiated on the basis of an administrative record. A copy of the record will be furnished upon request. Any written information submitted by you will be added to the administrative record.

The determination whether or not to debar you is discretionary and will be made on the basis of the administrative record, together with any written materials submitted for the record by the Government or you during the period of proposed debarment.

If debarment is imposed, the limitations described in Paragraphs 1 through 7 above will continue to apply and your name will continue to be published in the List of Parties Excluded From Federal Procurement and Nonprocurement Programs. Your status, however, will be changed to reflect that you are debarred.

Any communications regarding this matter should be directed to my counsel: Todd Canni, SAF/GCR, 1235 S. Clark Street, Suite 301, Arlington, VA 22202 (703) 604-1471, and todd.canni@pentagon.af.mil.

Sincerely,

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