

DECISION



**THE COMPTROLLER GENERAL
OF THE UNITED STATES**
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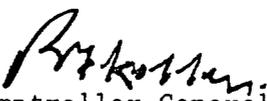
Failure of bidder to sign bid guarantee bond in the capacity of principal constitutes a minor informality where the defective bond is submitted together with a signed solicitation.

An advance decision has been requested by the Forest Service with regard to Solicitation No. 20-76-32. Our opinion is sought on whether a bid guarantee bond, for a service-type contract, which is in full compliance save for the omission of the principal's signature and which is submitted together with a solicitation signed by the bidder may be accepted on the ground that the bidder's failure to sign the bond constitutes a minor informality.

We have previously taken the position

"* * * that an unsigned bid bond accompanied by a signed bid identifying the bid bond may be considered valid and the failure to sign the bond may be waived as a minor informality." B-164453, July 16, 1968. See also General Ship and Engine Works, Inc., 55 Comp. Gen. 422 (1975), 75-2 CPD 269.

This Office therefore would interpose no objection to treating the bidder's failure to sign the bond as a minor informality.


Deputy Comptroller General
of the United States