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DECISION



THE COMPTROLLER GENERAL
OF THE UNITED STATES

FILE: B-207551,3

DATE: July 1, 1982

MATTER OF: Calculator Division of Canon
U.S.A., Inc.

DIGEST:

Protest against specifications in a solicitation apparent before bid opening is dismissed as untimely when filed after bid opening because GAO Bid Protest Procedures require filing prior to bid opening.

Calculator Division of Canon U.S.A., Inc. (Canon), protests against the specifications used by the General Services Administration in solicitation No. FGE-74-75223-A-5-13-82. Canon filed this protest on June 17, 1982. Bid opening was on May 13, 1982.

Our Bid Protest Procedures require that a protest based upon alleged improprieties in an invitation for bids which are apparent prior to bid opening be filed prior to bid opening. 4 C.F.R. § 21 (1982).

The specifications and any objections thereto were ascertainable from reading the solicitation prior to bid opening. Since the basis of the protest was apparent before bid opening, but filed after bid opening, it is untimely.

Accordingly, the protest is dismissed.

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