



Comptroller General
of the United States

Washington, D.C. 20548

Decision

Matter of: Team Support Services, Inc.

File: B-257097

Date: May 9, 1994

DECISION

Team Support Services, Inc. protests the award of a contract by the Department of Commerce (DOC) under solicitation No. WASC-4-771. Specifically, Team support protests that DOC awarded a contract without the appropriate Department of Labor wage determinations.

We dismiss the protest.

Our Bid Protest Regulations contain strict rules requiring timely submission of protests. These rules specifically require that protests based upon alleged improprieties in a solicitation which are apparent prior to the closing date for receipt of initial proposals be filed prior to the closing time. 4 C.F.R. § 21.2(a)(1); Engelhard Corp., B-237824, Mar. 23, 1990, 90-1 CPD ¶ 324.

Although the alleged lack of a wage determination was apparent from the face of the solicitation, Team Support's protest to DOC was filed in February of 1994, after contract award. Therefore, its post-award protest was untimely filed and will not be considered. In any case, concerns with regard to establishing proper wage rate determinations or the application of the statutory requirements should be raised, not with our Office, but with the Wage and Hour Division of the Department of Labor. See 41 U.S.C. § 353(a) (1988); 40 U.S.C. § 276a (1988); The Forestry Ass'n, Inc., B-236240, Sept. 28, 1989, 89-2 CPD ¶ 294.

The protest is dismissed.

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "John M. Melody".

John M. Melody
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