



**Comptroller General
of the United States**

Washington, D.C. 20548

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November 21, 1988

The Honorable Susan W. Liebeler
Chairwoman
International Trade Commission
701 E Street N.W.
Washington, D.C. 20436


Dear Ms. Liebeler:

Enclosed is a copy of our decision of today sustaining the protest of Automation Management Consultants Incorporated against solicitation No. RFP-TC-88-002, issued by the International Trade Commission.

The solicitation as amended included conflicting and ambiguous requirements which are discussed in the decision. Accordingly, we recommend that your agency issue a final amendment adequately specifying the requirements to resolve the conflicts between the solicitation, the formal amendments, and the written questions and answers. In addition, Automation Management Consultants Incorporated is entitled to recover the costs of filing and pursuing the protest.

We direct your attention to 31 U.S.C. § 3554(e)(1) (Supp. IV 1986), which requires that the head of the procuring activity responsible for the contract award report to our Office if the agency has not fully implemented our recommendation within 60 days of receipt of our decision. In any event, please advise our Office of the action taken on this recommendation.

Sincerely yours,

for 
Comptroller General
of the United States

Enclosure