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The Honorable Stanley N. Lundine
House of Representatives

Dear Mr. Lundine:

This is in further reference to your inquiry as to the time limits that the Veterans Administration has to issue a new solicitation in accordance with our decision in Blue Bird Coach Lines, Inc., B-200616, January 28, 1981, 81-1 CPD 51, recommending that the agency's solicitation for ambulance and wheelchair van transportation services be canceled and a new one issued for the requirements.

We are unaware of any time limits for the issuance of a new solicitation pursuant to our recommendation for corrective action. Rather, the decision whether to issue a new solicitation depends upon the needs of the Government at the time. In this regard, the Veterans Administration advises us that following our decision it drafted a new Aggregate Award clause and that pending publication of the new clause all field units of the agency were asked to use caution when issuing solicitations permitting an aggregate award. Thus, the Veterans Administration states that its local contracting officer determined that the needs of the Government were best served by delaying the issuance of a new solicitation until the publication of a new Aggregate Award clause.

In the meantime, the Veterans Administration states that the contracting officer has been obtaining the required transportation services on an interim basis by soliciting quotes from companies in the local area, including Blue Bird Coach Lines, Inc. Further, the agency indicates that a new solicitation for these services should be issued in the near future.

Sincerely yours,

Milton J. Forster

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