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Comptroller General  
of the United States

Washington, D.C. 20548

## Decision

**Matter of:** Firetech Automatic Sprinkler

**File:** B-270369

**Date:** January 17, 1996

### DECISION

Firetech Automatic Sprinkler protests the award by the Department of the Navy under request for quotations No. N47408-95-Q-2759.

We dismiss the protest because the protester failed to file its comments on the agency report within the extended time period agreed to by the protester and our Office.

The filing deadlines in our Regulations are prescribed under the authority of the Competition in Contracting Act of 1984; their purpose is to enable us to comply with the statute's mandate that we resolve protests expeditiously. See 31 U.S.C. § 3554(a); Green Mgmt. Corp.-Recon., B-233598.2, Feb. 27, 1989, 89-1 CPD ¶ 208. To avoid delay in the resolution of protests, our Regulations provide that a protester's failure to file comments within 14 calendar days, or to file a request that the protest be decided on the existing record, or to request an extension of the time for submitting comments, will result in dismissal of the protest. Section 21.3(h), 60 Fed. Reg. supra; Prio-Leau Culinary Servs., Inc.-Recon., B-236373.6, Jan. 23, 1990, 90-1 CPD ¶ 90. But for this provision, a protester could idly await receipt of the report for an indefinite time, to the detriment of the protest system and our ability to resolve the protest expeditiously. Id.

The protest is dismissed.

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