

DECISION



**THE COMPTROLLER GENERAL
OF THE UNITED STATES**
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20548

PL-CG 10,937

FILE: B-195453

DATE: August 6, 1979

MATTER OF: Dun's Marketing Services

DLG 02494

DIGEST:

[Protest against alleged improprieties in RFP] filed 10 minutes after closing date for receipt of initial proposals is untimely and not for consideration.

Dun's Marketing Services (Dun's) protests against alleged improprieties in request for proposals (RFP) No. 79-7, issued by the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission. AGC00440

Dun's contends that the solicitation is restrictive in nature and not in the best interest of the Government. The closing date for receipt of initial proposals was set for 4:00 p.m., July 16, 1979. Dun's protest to our Office was handcarried and received at 4:10 p.m., July 16.

Section 20.2(b)(1) of our Bid Protest Procedures, 4 C.F.R. part 20 (1978), provides, in pertinent part, as follows:

"Protests based upon alleged improprieties in any type of solicitation which are apparent prior to bid opening or the closing date for receipt of initial proposals shall be filed prior to bid opening or the closing date for receipt of initial proposals. * * *

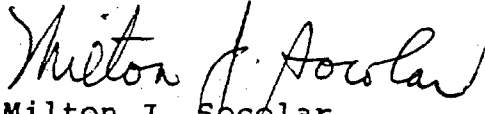
Since Dun's protest was filed (received) with our Office 10 minutes after the closing date for receipt of initial proposals, Dun's protest is untimely and not for consideration. Somervell & Associates, Ltd., B-192426, August 18, 1978, 78-2 CPD 132, affirmed September 18, 1978, 78-2 CPD 208.

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The protest is dismissed.


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