

**DECISION**



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

FILE: B-196018

DATE: September 25, 1979

MATTER OF: Ronald Campbell Company

CNG 02459

*[Protest Alleging That Terms of Solicitation Were Biased in Favor of Incumbent Contractor]*

DIGEST:

Protest filed after bid opening date against alleged improprieties in solicitation apparent prior to bid opening is untimely under 4 C.F.R. § 20.2 (b)(1).

Ronald Campbell Company (Campbell) has protested against solicitation No. 76SS-112 issued by the United States General Accounting Office for magazine subscription services.

Campbell contends that the terms of the solicitation are biased in favor of the incumbent contractor and deficient on other grounds.

Bid opening date was September 7, 1979, and Campbell's protest was not filed with our Office until September 11, 1979. Since the protest relates to alleged improprieties in the solicitation which were apparent prior to bid opening, the protest should have been filed prior to bid opening in order to be timely filed under section 20.2(b)(1) of our Bid Protest Procedures (4 C.F.R. part 20 (1979)).

Therefore, the protest is dismissed.

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