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**DECISION**



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

FILE: B-199670

DATE: August 13, 1980

MATTER OF: CSR Incorporated

**DIGEST:**

Protest based on apparent solicitation improprieties, filed after closing date for receipt of proposals, is untimely.

CSR Incorporated (CSR) protests the award of a contract by the Department of Labor-Employment and Training Administration under request for proposals No. RIV-TAT-0024. CSR contends that several provisions of the solicitation were deficient.

Section 20.2(b)(1) of our Bid Protest Procedures, 4 C.F.R. part 20 (1980), states:

"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 \* \* \*."

We have been advised by the Department of Labor that the closing date was June 20, 1980, and no protest was lodged with it. CSR filed its protest with this Office on July 22, 1980.

Accordingly, the protest is untimely and not for consideration on the merits. AnaMed Hawaii, B-196438, October 30, 1979, 80-1 CPD 1.

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[PROTEST ALLEGING SOLICITATION IMPROPRIETIES]