

Mr. Ruppert

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DECISION



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

FILE: B-201686, B-201828

DATE: March 9, 1981

MATTER OF: Tenavision, Inc.--Reconsideration

DIGEST: *Request for Reconsideration*

Request for reconsideration is denied since prior decision is not shown to have been founded on error of law or fact.

Tenavision, Inc. (TI), requests reconsideration of our decision in Tenavision, Inc., B-201868, B-201828, February 3, 1981, 81-1 CPD _____, which summarily denied its protests against award of contracts for the rental and maintenance of washers and dryers at Fort Leonard Wood, Missouri, and at Fort Bragg, North Carolina. In our decision, we disagreed with TI's argument that the Government should set forth a maximum specified age for equipment which bidders may propose since the agency determined that no age limitation was required so long as the equipment was in good working order.

In its request for reconsideration, TI states that it finds it impossible to believe that we have singled out washing machines and dryers as an item that may be bid on without any age limits.

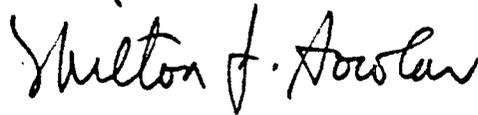
It is the function of the procuring activity, not our Office, to determine its minimum needs. We have stated that specifications should only prescribe the minimum standards to which articles required by the Government shall conform. Since the agency has determined that no age limitation is required for washers and dryers so long as the equipment is in good working order, we find no legal basis to question the Government's determination of its minimum needs. TI has offered no evidence not previously considered in support of its request and has failed

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to show that our prior decision was based on any error of law or fact. 4 C.F.R. § 20.9(a) (1980). Consequently, its request for reconsideration is denied.

Our prior decision is affirmed.

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Milton J. Bowler".

Acting Comptroller General
of the United States