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**DECISION**



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

FILE: B-201853.4

DATE: January 26, 1982

MATTER OF: Compucorp

**DIGEST:**

Protest filed substantially more than 10 working days after protester's debriefing, when protester should have been aware of basis for protest, is untimely and not for consideration.

On November 18, 1981, Compucorp filed a protest with our Office against the award of a contract to the Xerox Corporation by the Department of the Navy under request for proposals (RFP) No. N00600-80-R-F864. The contract is for word processing equipment. While other protests concerning this procurement are presently pending before our Office, we are dismissing Compucorp's protest now because we find it was untimely filed.

Compucorp's protest is based on a debriefing held on October 8, 1981, and information obtained incident to the debriefing.

Our Bid Protest Procedures, 4 C.F.R. part 21 (1981), require that protests be filed within 10 Federal working days of the date on which the protester knew or should have known of the basis of its protest. 4 C.F.R. § 21.2(b)(2) (1981). Compucorp should have known of the basis of its protest on or shortly after the date of its debriefing. Consequently, Compucorp's protest, filed substantially more than 10 working days after October 8, 1981, is untimely and not for consideration.

The protest is dismissed.

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Acting General Counsel