

**DECISION**



7/21/2011  
THE COMPTROLLER GENERAL  
OF THE UNITED STATES  
WASHINGTON, D. C. 20548

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**FILE:**

B-207551.2

**DATE:** June 18, 1982

**MATTER OF:**

Monroe Division, Litton Business  
Systems, Inc.

**DIGEST:**

Protest of alleged improprieties in solicitation filed after bid opening is untimely and is dismissed since GAO Bid Protest Procedures require filing prior to bid opening.

Monroe Division, Litton Business Systems, Inc., protests that General Services Administration solicitation No. FGE-Y4-75223-A-5-13-82 should be canceled because it provides for the purchase of calculating equipment on the basis of purchase price without regard to other factors such as durability, service cost, product life, reliability, etc.

The protest is untimely because it was mailed and received after the bid opening date. Under our Bid Protest Procedures, 4 C.F.R. § 21.2(b)(1) (1981), a protest based on alleged improprieties in an invitation for bids which are apparent prior to bid opening must be filed prior to bid opening. Sharp Electronics Corporation, B-205842, March 8, 1982, 82-1 CPD 211.

Accordingly, the protest is dismissed.

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