

DECISION

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

FILE: B-209171**DATE:** October 12, 1982**MATTER OF:** Designs That Speak**DIGEST:**

A protest challenging the restrictiveness of a solicitation is untimely under GAO's Bid Protest Procedures where it is filed after the closing date for receipt of proposals.

Designs That Speak (DTS) protests the propriety of certain provisions of a solicitation issued by the General Services Administration for advertising services. We dismiss the protest as untimely.

Our Bid Protest Procedures provide that a protest challenging alleged improprieties in the solicitation, which are apparent before the closing date for receipt of initial proposals, must be filed before that date. 4 C.F.R. § 21.2(b)(1) (1982). The solicitation here established September 1, 1982, as the closing date. DTS did not file its protest with this Office until September 22, after the firm learned of the September 20 award of contract No. 8VCG-P1-C-14162 as a result of the competition. DTS's protest against alleged improprieties in the solicitation therefore is untimely and will not be considered. Hamco Management, B-205233, June 22, 1982, 82-1 CPD 614.

The protest is dismissed.

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