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DECISION



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

FILE: B-210674

DATE: February 14, 1983

MATTER OF: Science Information Services, Inc.

DIGEST:

Protest of alleged solicitation defects filed after the closing date for the receipt of initial proposals is not timely under GAO Bid Protest Procedures.

Science Information Services, Inc. (SIS) protests a solicitation notice appearing in the Commerce Business Daily calling for proposals to be submitted to the General Services Administration for conducting a conference for information resources management. SIS objects to several aspects of the notice. We dismiss the protest.

Protests based on alleged solicitation improprieties which are apparent prior to the closing date for receipt of initial proposals (as is the case here) must be filed prior to the closing date. 4 C.F.R. 21.2(b)(1) (1982). According to SIS, the closing date was January 31, 1983. SIS's protest was sent by regular mail on January 28 and was received here on February 1, 1983, as indicated by our time/date stamp. The protest is therefore untimely and will not be considered.

The protest is dismissed.

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