

DECISION

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

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FILE: B-211902**DATE:** June 9, 1983**MATTER OF:** Wade Enterprises**DIGEST:**

Protest against provisions in a request for quotations is untimely when filed after the closing date for receipt of quotations.

Wade Enterprises protests two requirements in request for quotations (RFQ) No. YPI 83105001941, issued by the Defense Industrial Supply Center, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, for sleeve bushings. Wade contends that it was denied the right to bid since the RFQ required suppliers to be dealers. In addition, Wade alleges, it would have had to reveal sources of supply in order to qualify as a bidder. We dismiss the protest.

Our Bid Protest Procedures require that protests based upon alleged improprieties in a solicitation that are apparent before the closing date for receipt of quotations be filed by that date. 4 C.F.R. § 21.2(b)(1) (1983); see also Le Prix Electrical Distributors, Ltd., B-207106, September 21, 1982, 82-2 CPD 249. The term "filed" is defined in § 21.2(b)(3) as "receipt in the contracting agency or in the General Accounting Office as the case may be."

Wade's protest concerns alleged improprieties that were apparent on the face of the solicitation. The closing date for receipt of quotations was May 16, 1983; however, Wade did not file its protest with our Office until May 24, 1983.

We therefore dismiss the protest as untimely.

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