

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

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FILE: B-212276

DATE: November 29, 1983

MATTER OF: CTEC, Inc.

DIGEST:

Protest is dismissed where rendered academic by the agency's cancellation of the solicitation due to inadequate specifications.

CTEC, Inc. protests the award of any contract under request for proposals (RFP) No. MDA 904-83-R-3157, issued by the National Security Agency (NSA) for a NEAT analysis study. NEAT is a computer program developed for the Navy for use in electronic intelligence operations. CTEC contends that the procurement was defective for several reasons, among them an alleged failure by NSA to adhere to the RFP evaluation criteria in evaluating proposals. We dismiss the protest.

NSA issued Amendment 0004 on November 1, 1983, canceling the RFP. Cancellation was necessary, NSA explains, because significant technological advances have been made in the area covered by the RFP since the RFP was issued. These advances reportedly render the stated requirements inadequate and thus no longer valid.

Cancellation of the RFP renders the issues raised by CTEC academic, and we do not consider academic protests on the merits. Tone Industries, B-208633, October 8, 1982, 82-2 CPD 319.

The protest is dismissed.

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