



FILE: B-212623

DATE: August 22, 1983

MATTER OF: Geonautics, Inc.

DIGEST:

A protest filed after bid opening which alleges ambiguities which were apparent in the solicitation is untimely.

Geonautics, Inc. (Geonautics) protests the award of any contract under solicitation No. 126-PI-046-3 issued by the U.S. Department of Justice. Geonautics alleges that several terms in the solicitation were not clearly defined and thus were ambiguous.

Under our Bid Protest Procedures, 4 C.F.R. § 21.2(b) (1) (1983), protests based on alleged improprieties in any type of solicitation which are apparent prior to bid opening must be filed prior to bid opening. Bid opening was on August 4. Geonautics, however, filed its protest on August 8. Therefore, our Office will not consider the protest as it is untimely. Calculator Division of Canon U.S.A., Inc., B-207551.3, July 1, 1982, 82-2 CPD 7.

The protest is dismissed.

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[Protestant's Contract Award]