

**DECISION**



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

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**FILE:** B-213090

**DATE:** February 22, 1984

**MATTER OF:** Hessel Tractor & Equipment Company

**DIGEST:**

Requirement in solicitation that bidder certify that the manufacturer of the equipment offered has been engaged in the production of the type of equipment specified for at least 2 years does not relate to specific model offered but only to type of equipment (motor grader).

Hessel Tractor & Equipment Company (Hessel) protests the award of a contract to Howard-Cooper Corporation under invitation for bids (IFB) No. 9000-83-36, issued by the National Park Service for a motor grader.

The IFB required that the bidder certify that "the manufacturer of the equipment offered has been engaged in the production of the type of equipment specified for at least two years. . . ." Hessel argues that because the model A-556 Galion motor grader bid by Howard-Cooper Corporation (manufactured by Galion Manufacturing Division, Dresser Industries, Inc.) has not been manufactured for 2 years, Howard-Cooper does not meet the above requirement.

We think Hessel has misunderstood the nature of the requirement. The requirement asks only that the "type" of equipment solicited have been manufactured by the company for 2 years, not the specific model. The "type" of equipment contemplated here is motor graders; the Galion A-556 is a specific model of the general "type" of equipment known as motor graders. The descriptive information provided by Howard-Cooper indicates that Galion Manufacturing Company has manufactured motor graders for over 50 years. Consequently, the manufacturer of the equipment bid by Howard-Cooper Corporation meets the requirement in question.

The protest is denied.

Handwritten signature of Milton J. Fowler in cursive script.

Acting Comptroller General  
of the United States

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