

DECISION**THE COMPTROLLER GENERAL
OF THE UNITED STATES
WASHINGTON, D. C. 20548****FILE:** B-215407**DATE:** June 20, 1984**MATTER OF:** Crawford Technical Services, Inc.**DIGEST:**

When protest is filed initially with contracting agency, subsequent protest filed with GAO more than 10 working days after protester learns of initial adverse agency action on protest is untimely.

Crawford Technical Services, Inc. (CTS), protests the Air Force's decision to retain the scheduled pickup and delivery function under solicitation No. F09650-83-B-0060 in-house at Robins Air Force Base, Georgia.

We dismiss the protest as untimely.

CTS protested the decision to the Air Force under the administrative appeal procedures provided for review of the cost comparison. The Air Force denied the protest by letter dated May 4, 1984, which CTS received on May 9, 1984. We received CTS's protest against the denial on May 30. Our Bid Protest Procedures require that, when a protest is initially filed with a contracting agency, any subsequent protest to our Office must be filed (received) within 10 working days of the protester's learning of initial adverse action on its protest by the agency. 4 C.F.R. § 21.2(a) (1983). Since CTS filed its protest here more than 10 working days after receipt of the Air Force's decision denying the protest, it is untimely.

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