

DECISION

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

FILE: B-216787

DATE: October 29, 1984

MATTER OF: Workshops for Retarded Citizens, Inc.

DIGEST:

Protest against procuring activity's failure to include wage rate determination in Requests for Quotations is dismissed as untimely since it was not filed before the closing date for receipt of initial quotations.

Workshops for Retarded Citizens, Inc. (WRC), protests the failure of the United States Armor Center and Fort Knox, Kentucky, to include a Service Contract Act wage determination in Requests for Quotations (RFQs) for janitorial services to be performed at the Brooks-Lawler Army Reserve Center, Ft. Thomas, Kentucky, King's Mills Army Reserve Center, King's Mills, Ohio, Outcalt Army Reserve Center, Sharonville, Ohio, and Morrow Army Reserve Center, Cincinnati, Ohio. WRC contends that as a result of the omission of wage rate determinations in the RFQs, the procedures were unfair. We dismiss the protest as untimely.

The Army informally advises us that the closing date for receipt of initial quotations was September 18, 1984 for the Brooks-Lawler, King's Mills and Outcalt Army Reserve Centers, and September 22, 1984 for the Morrow Army Reserve Center. WRC's protest was filed on October 12, 1984.

Our Bid Protest Procedures provide that a protest of alleged improprieties in an RFQ which are apparent prior to closing date for receipt of initial quotations must be filed prior to that date. 4 C.F.R. § 21.2(b)(1) (1984). The alleged impropriety was apparent prior to the September 18 and 22, 1984 closing dates. Since WRC's protest was not filed until after both closing dates,

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the protest will not be considered. See International Alliance of Theatrical Stage Employees and Moving Machine Operators of the U.S. and Canada, B-212328, July 28, 1983, 83-2 CPD ¶ 140.

The protest is dismissed.

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