

DECISION



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

FILE: B-222375

DATE: April 8, 1986

MATTER OF: California Mobile Communications

DIGEST:

Protest that specifications are restrictive is untimely when filed after closing date for receipt of quotations.

California Mobile Communications (CMC) protests the award of request for quotations (RFQ) No. M00681-86-Q-0035, issued by the United States Marine Corps, Camp Pendleton, California, for certain General Electric equipment.

The protest is dismissed.

CMC alleges that the specifications are unduly restrictive because they only requested a quote on General Electric equipment, thereby pre-selecting General Electric for the contract award. CMC's protest, however, was filed here after it was notified of the award to General Electric. Our Bid Protest Regulations, 4 C.F.R. § 21.2(a)(1) (1985), require that protests based upon alleged improprieties apparent on the face of the solicitation, such as restrictive specifications, be filed prior to the initial closing date for receipt of quotations. Security Engineered Machinery, B-220557, Sept. 27, 1985, 85-2 C.P.D. ¶ 353.

Since CMC did not protest the solicitation prior to closing, its protest is dismissed.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Robert M. Strong".

Robert M. Strong
Deputy Associate General Counsel

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