



The Comptroller General
of the United States

Washington, D.C. 20548

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Decision

Matter of: Riffe-Cobb Reporting--Request for
Reconsideration
File: B-223194.3, B-223195.3, B-223196.3
Date: January 8, 1987

DIGEST

Individual who did not participate in prior protest proceedings and now is acting as a concerned citizen is not eligible to seek reconsideration of decision.

DECISION

Carl A. Riffe requests reconsideration of our decision in Sharon R. Riffe-Cobb--Request for Reconsideration, B-223194.2 et al., June 25, 1986, 86-2 CPD ¶ 9. That decision affirmed our earlier dismissals as untimely of Sharon R. Riffe-Cobb's protests concerning the rejection of three bids submitted to the Administrative Office of the United States Courts for court reporting services. The bids were rejected as non-responsive because the stenomask system offered by Riffe-Cobb was considered unacceptable.

Carl Riffe, who indicates that he is not interested in submitting any bids for court reporting services and who is the father of Sharon R. Riffe-Cobb (who is no longer in the court reporting business), has requested that we reconsider our decision for the benefit of the thousands of court reporters offering the stenomask system.

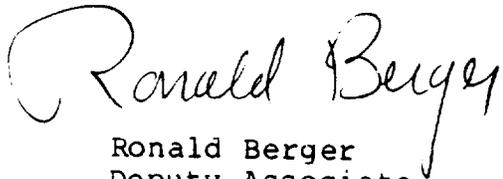
Mr. Riffe is not eligible to seek reconsideration. Under our Bid Protest Regulations, we will consider a request for reconsideration only from interested parties that participated in the initial protest or from any federal agency that was involved in the protest. 4 C.F.R. § 21.12(a) (1986). Mr. Riffe did not participate in the initial protests and therefore cannot now request reconsideration. See Tandem Computers, Inc.--Request for Reconsideration, B-221333.2 et al., Sept. 18, 1986, 86-2 CPD ¶ 315.

Moreover, even if Mr. Cobb had previously participated and could be viewed as an interested party, the request for reconsideration would be untimely since it was not filed

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within 10 days of when the basis for the reconsideration request was known, as required by 4 C.F.R. § 21.12(b).

The request is dismissed.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Ronald Berger". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned above the typed name and title.

Ronald Berger
Deputy Associate
General Counsel