



Comptroller General
of the United States

Washington, D.C. 20548

Decision

Matter of: Dundas Office Interiors, Inc.--Reconsideration

File: B-240970.2

Date: October 16, 1990

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DIGEST

Request for reconsideration of protest, previously dismissed
as untimely filed under Bid Protest Regulations, is denied
where request only contains a new ground of protest not
contained in the original submission and does not otherwise
question the rationale for the dismissal of the original
protest as untimely.

DECISION

Dundas Office Interiors, Inc. requests, by letter of
September 11, 1990, that we reconsider our August 31 dismissal
of the company's August 29 protest against the issuance of a
purchase order for office furniture to Martin Stationers,
Inc., under request for quotations (RFQ) No. 6361-JMB-41-90.
The RFQ was issued by E.G. & G. Idaho, Inc., a prime contractor
for the Department of Energy at the Idaho National Engineering
Laboratories in Idaho Falls, Idaho.

We deny the request.

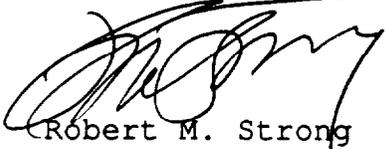
In its original protest, Dundas identified certain alleged
improprieties in the RFQ and in the "bidding process;"
specifically, that the agency "lacked proper controls on the
submittal of bids," although Dundas did not allege that any
late quotations were improperly received. We dismissed the
protest, in part, as untimely filed since the protest
concerned solicitation defects, but it was not filed prior to
the date quotations were due under the RFQ. See 4 C.F.R.
§ 20.2(a)(1) (1990).

Dundas' request for reconsideration states only that the
"improprieties" it had raised "included" acceptance of a
quotation from Martin Stationers which did not comply with the

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specifications, which was not known to it until after a purchase order had been issued to Martin. Dundas does not otherwise question the rationale for the dismissal of its protest as untimely. There is no reference in Dundas' original protest dated August 29, however, to a failure by Martin to meet the RFQ's specifications.^{1/} Dundas' request for reconsideration therefore provides no basis for us to reconsider our August 31 dismissal notice. See 4 C.F.R. § 21.12(a).

We deny the request.



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^{1/} To the extent this issue is timely raised, it will be addressed in a later decision.