



Comptroller General  
of the United States

Washington, D.C. 20548

## Decision

**Matter of:** Stevested Machinery & Engineering Ltd.; Assembly Specialists, Inc.; KWD Manufacturing, Inc.; Right-On Tool & Die Corp.; United Fastener Co., Inc.

**File:** B-253719.6; B-253719.7; B-253719.8; B-253719.9; B-253719.10

**Date:** June 17, 1993

Andrew Lovas for Stevested Machinery & Engineering Ltd.; George L. Boyden for Assembly Specialists, Inc.; Robert A. Deane for KWD Manufacturing, Inc.; Dom Marciano for Right-On Tool & Die Corp.; Anthony Maratta for United Fastener Co., Inc., the protesters.

### DIGEST

Protests of agency intention to start charging a fee for solicitations are dismissed since they relate only to an announced policy and are not related to any specific solicitation; a protest must relate to a solicitation or to an award or proposed award thereunder.

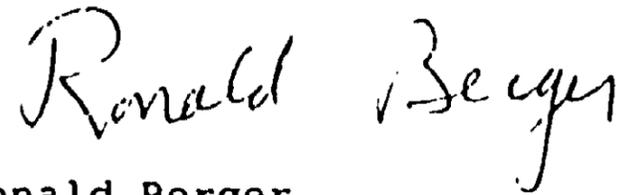
### DECISION

Aeronautical Components, Inc.; Aluminum Precision Products, Inc.; ECS Enterprises Ltd.; Eason and Waller; and Royell Manufacturing, Inc. protest the announcement by Hill Air Force Base, Utah that it will charge a \$15 fee for solicitation packages under a one-year pilot test beginning July 1, 1993. The protesters state that this policy would restrict competition.

Our bid protest jurisdiction under the Competition in Contracting Act is limited to complaints involving solicitations issued by federal agencies and awards made or proposed to be made under those solicitations. 31 U.S.C. § 3551-6 (1988); A. Moe & Co., Inc., 64 Comp. Gen. 155 (1985); 4 C.F.R. § 21.1(a) (1993). Accordingly, in the absence of a solicitation, we will not consider complaints about agency practices or policies. Aquirre Architects, Inc.--Recon., B-230256.2, May 19, 1988, 88-1 CPD ¶ 478 and ADI Sys. Consultants, B-231511, May 31, 1988, 88-1 CPD ¶ 518.

Since the complaints here concern only Hill's intention to charge a fee for solicitations and are not related to any specific solicitation, we cannot consider the protests.

The protests are dismissed.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Ronald Berger".

Ronald Berger  
Associate General Counsel