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Comptroller General
of the United States
Washington, D.C. 20548

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Decision

Matter of: Automated Power Systems, Inc.
File: B-261895
Date: July 26, 1995

DECISION

Automated Power Systems, Inc. protests the failure of the United States Coast Guard to furnish it with copy of invitation for bids (IFB) No. DTCG36-95-B-B5B121, for solid state flashers. Automated Power also protests the inclusion in the IFB of certain Coast Guard specifications that it claims are ambiguous.

We dismiss the protest because it is not based on an existing solicitation.

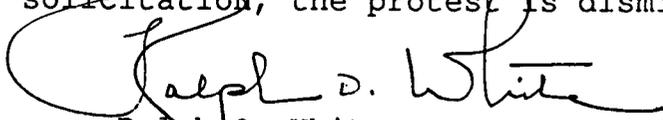
On or about May 8, 1995, the Coast Guard published a synopsis in the Commerce Business Daily (CBD) announcing the planned issuance of the IFB. The synopsis stated that bids would be due on June 30, 1995, and that the flashers were to be made in accordance with specifications to be provided with the solicitation package.

By letter dated July 18, the agency has advised our Office that due to unforeseen circumstances, the IFB has not been issued. On July 6, the Coast Guard published a second notice in the CBD stating that the bid opening date had been changed to August 21. In addition, the Coast Guard has informally advised us that it now anticipates issuance of the IFB sometime between July 28 and August 4. It has also advised us that the protester will be provided with a copy of the solicitation once it has been issued.

Under the Competition in Contracting Act of 1984, 31 U.S.C. § 3551 (1988), and our Bid Protest Regulations, 4 C.F.R. § 21.1 (a) (1995), this Office's jurisdiction is limited to considering protests involving solicitations already issued by federal agencies and awards made or proposed to be made

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under those solicitations. Since the subject of this protest does not involve a solicitation that has already been issued or an award or proposed award under an existing solicitation, the protest is dismissed.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Ralph O. White". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned above the typed name.

Ralph O. White
Acting Assistant General Counsel