



Comptroller General
of the United States

Washington, D.C. 20548

Decision

Matter of: H Moving & Storage, Inc.

File: B-260278.3

Date: August 16, 1995

DECISION

H Moving & Storage, Inc. protests the award of a contract to Packing and Crating Services by the Department of the Army under invitation for bids No. DAKF48-94-B-0073. H Moving & Storage contends that Packing and Crating did not have the appropriate license at the time of bid opening and that the agency excessively delayed making award to allow Packing and Crating additional time to obtain the proper license. H Moving & Storage also requests payment under its existing contract.

Our Bid Protest Regulations contain strict rules requiring timely submission of protests; specifically, protests not based upon alleged improprieties in a solicitation must be filed no later than 10 working days after the protester knew, or should have known, of the basis for protest, whichever is earlier. 4 C.F.R. § 21.2(a)(2). H Moving & Storage received the notice of award on April 11, 1995.¹ Our Office did not receive the protest until July 11, more than 10 days later. Therefore, the protest is untimely.

H Moving & Storage claims entitlement to payment under an existing contract it held. This is a matter of contract administration over which we do not exercise jurisdiction. Rather, this is a matter for the contracting officer, subject to review by a cognizant board of contract appeals or the Court of Federal Claims. See 4 C.F.R. § 21.3(m)(1); Specialty Plastics Prods., Inc., B-237545, Feb. 26, 1990, 90-1 CPD ¶ 228.

The protest is dismissed.


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¹According to information provided by the agency, a copy of the notice of award was sent by facsimile to H Moving & Storage on April 11.

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