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DECISION



**THE COMPTROLLER GENERAL
OF THE UNITED STATES**
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20548

FILE: B-195267

DATE: November 13, 1979

MATTER OF: Power Testing, Inc. -03320

[Protest Involving Canceled Solicitation]

DIGEST:

GAO will not consider issues raised by protest when solicitation underlying it has been canceled. GAO reviews specific cases. It does not formulate procurement guidelines in abstract.

Power Testing, Inc. (PTI), asks us to consider the issues raised by its protest of a Department of Transportation (DOT) solicitation despite the fact that the solicitation has now been canceled.

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PTI protested DOT's proposal to award a contract for repair and maintenance of electrical substations without competition. In response to PTI's protest, DOT reexamined the justification for procuring on a sole-source basis and decided to cancel the sole-source procurement. DOT now plans to reissue the solicitation on a competitive basis. We informed PTI that because the solicitation had been canceled, the issues raised by its protest were academic. PTI now requests that we consider its points of protest in the abstract.

GAO does not formulate general procurement guidelines in the abstract. Young Engineering Systems, B-189322, July 11, 1977, 77-2 CPD 15. That authority belongs to the Congress and to the procuring agencies. GAO's function is to review solicitations and awards in particular cases. After DOT issues its new solicitation, PTI may file a new protest if it has specific objections to that solicitation.

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