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## DECISION



THE COMPTROLLER GENERAL OF THE UNITED STATES

WASHINGTON, D.C. 20548

FILE: B-196251

DATE: November 15, 1979

MATTER OF: Ronald Campbell Company DLG 03352

DIGEST:

UnTimely Protest against alleged specification improprieties which were apparent prior to bid opening, is untimely and not for consideration as filed after bid opening.

The Ronald Campbell Company protested various A600020 portions of the specifications used for Department of the Army invitation for bids No. DADA01-79-B-0002. Although dated September 22, 1979, the company's letter was not received and filed with our Office until October 1, 1979. Bids were opened on September 28, 1979.

Our Bid Protest Procedures, 4 C.F.R. § 20.2(1)(b) (1979), provide that protests against alleged improprieties in a solicitation should be filed prior to bid opening where those improprieties are apparent prior to bid opening. Since the protest was not filed until after bid opening, it is untimely and not for our consideration.

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