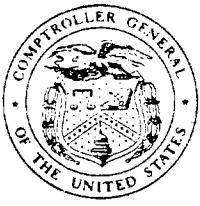


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**DECISION**

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

FILE: B-197534

DATE: February 13, 1980

MATTER OF: Filex Steel Products Co., Inc.

*[Protest of Rejection of Bid Samples]*  
DIGEST:

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Procurement conducted by the Government of Puerto Rico does not involve use of funds subject to GAO account settlement authority and protest of such procurement therefore is dismissed.

Filex Steel Products Co., Inc. protests the rejection of its bid samples by the Government of Puerto Rico for the supply of office furniture. *CNGO/637*

Under § 20.1(a) of our Bid Protest Procedures, 4 C.F.R. part 20 (1979), we consider protests involving agencies of the Federal Government "whose accounts are subject to settlement" by this Office. Wang Laboratories, Inc., B-195015, June 25, 1979, 79-1 CPD 454. The accounts of the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico are not subject to our settlement authority. B-179310, October 10, 1973. Since only Puerto Rican funds are involved in this procurement, we must decline to consider the matter.

*Larry R. Van Clave*  
for Milton J. Socolar  
General Counsel

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