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DECISION



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

FILE: B-201419.2

DATE: August 31, 1981

MATTER OF: American Mutual Protection Bureau

DIGEST:

Protest, based on apparent solicitation improprieties, filed after bid opening is untimely.

American Mutual Protection Bureau (American Mutual) protests that the specification in invitation for bids (IFB) No. DLA8LA-81-B-0001 for armed guard service at the Defense Contract Administration Services Region, Los Angeles, California, is ambiguous.

The protest is untimely. The bid opening date was August 17, 1981. However, American Mutual's protest was not filed (received) in our Office until August 19, 1981. Our Bid Protest Procedures, 4 C.F.R. § 21.2(b)(1) (1981), require that protests based upon alleged improprieties apparent upon the face of an IFB be filed prior to bid opening. Technical Services Company, Inc., B-200020, September 18, 1980, 80-2 CPD 207.

Accordingly, the protest is dismissed.

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