

DECISION



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

FILE: B-211547

DATE: May 9, 1983

MATTER OF: Universal Design Systems Inc.

DIGEST:

Protest that various provisions in solicitation were arbitrary or unduly restrictive is untimely since it involves alleged solicitation improprieties but was not filed prior to the closing date for receipt of initial proposals.

Universal Design Systems Inc. protests that various provisions in Veterans Administration request for proposals (RFP) No. 101-10-83 were arbitrary or unduly restrictive and allegedly precluded the firm from participating in the procurement. The RFP was to provide software conversion services at a Veterans Administration facility in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. We dismiss the protest.

Universal's protest involves alleged solicitation improprieties that were apparent prior to the closing date for receipt of proposals, which was April 7, 1983. In order to be timely, such a protest must be filed before the closing date for receipt of initial proposals, as required in section 21.2(b)(1) of our Bid Protest Procedures, 4 C.F.R. part 21 (1983). See California Computer Products, Inc., B-193611, March 6, 1979, 79-1 CPD 150. Universal's protest, filed in our Office on April 20, thus was not timely filed. We therefore will not consider the merits of the complaint.

The protest is dismissed.

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