THE COMPTHOLLER GE. (EF)& OF THE UNITED STATES WASHINGTON, D.C. 20548

FILE: B-212100

DATE: July 28, 1983

MATTER OF: Contracting Unlimited

DIGEST:

Protest against IFB specification and contract requirements is dismissed since it was filed after bid opening.

Contracting Unlimited (CUI) protests any award of a contract by the Department of the Army under invitation for bids (IFB) No. DAAA31-83-B-0018.

CUI alleges that the IFB specifications and contract requirements are defective. We dismiss the protest.

Our Bid Protest Procedures require that a protest based upon alleged improprieties in an IFB, which improprieties are apparent prior to bid opening, be filed before bid opening. 4 C.F.R. § 21.2(b)(1) (1983); M & M Services, Inc., B-210818.2, March 25, 1983, 83-1 CPD 308. However, CUI did not protest until after the bid opening date.

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