

DECISION



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

FILE: B-213480

DATE: November 15, 1983

MATTER OF: Le Prix Electrical Distributors, Ltd.

DIGEST:

Protest alleging sufficient time was not afforded to prepare quotation is untimely where basis of protest was not raised before closing date for receipt of quotations.

Le Prix Electrical Distributors, Ltd. (Le Prix), protests the closing date for receipt of quotations under request for quotations (RFQ) TO-9242-JCM issued by the Universities Research Association Inc./Fermilab, a government-owned, contractor-operated plant of the Department of Energy.

Le Prix contends the closing date did not allow Le Prix sufficient time to prepare its quotation. The Commerce Business Daily announcement dated October 4, 1983, notified prospective offerors that the closing date for receipt of quotations was October 14, 1983.

We dismiss the protest.

Our Bid Protest Procedures, 4 C.F.R. § 21.2(b)(1) (1983), require that protests based on alleged defects apparent in a solicitation be filed before the closing date for receipt of proposals. The alleged defect here, insufficient time for quotation preparation, was apparent prior to the October 14 closing date. Since Le Prix's protest was not filed (received) in this Office until October 20, after the closing date, the protest is untimely and will not be considered on the merits. Jensen-Kelly Corporation, B-208685, B-208690, January 10, 1983, 83-1 CPD 21.

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