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

FILE: B-217306**DATE:** January 23, 1985**MATTER OF:** Global Crane Institute**DIGEST:**

Protest filed with GAO more than 10 working days after protester learns of basis for protest is untimely and will not be considered.

Global Crane Institute protests the award of contract No. 515-04-85 by the Veterans Administration to James Company Consultants-Engineers, Inc. The protester asserts that the award was improper because a director of James Company Consultants-Engineers was listed on the General Services Administration Consolidated List of Debarred, Suspended and Ineligible Contractors, when the contract was awarded on October 26, 1984. By letter dated October 26, 1984, Global Crane was informed by the Veterans Administration of the contract award, but it did not file its protest with this Office until December 7, 1984.

Our Bid Protest Procedures require that bid protests be filed within 10 working days after the basis for the protest is known or should have been known, whichever is earlier. 4 C.F.R. § 21.2(b)(2) (1984). Allowing a reasonable time for the delivery of the Veterans Administration's letter, it does not appear that Global Crane filed its protest within 10 working days of its receipt. Since the protest was not filed in a timely manner, it will not be considered. Mann, Hundley & Hendricks, B-215541, July 2, 1984, 84-2 C.P.D. ¶10.

The protest is dismissed.

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