



**The Comptroller General
of the United States**

Washington, D.C. 20548

Decision

Matter of: Ralph Urban
File: B-225003
Date: October 24, 1986

DIGEST

Under the Competition in Contracting Act of 1984, a protest filed with the General Accounting Office (GAO) must pertain to a procurement of property or services by a federal agency. Protests concerning sales will be reviewed by GAO only where the federal agency involved has agreed to such review.

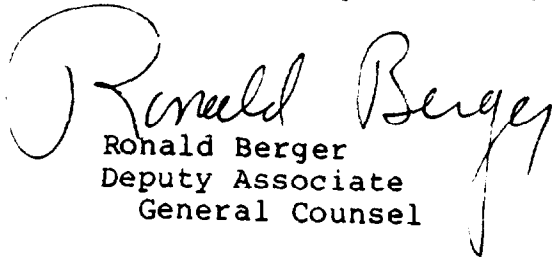
DECISION

Ralph Urban protests the sale by the Farmers Home Administration, Department of Agriculture, of standing hay from the Van Huesen Farm, Yates County, New York. Mr. Urban contends that the bidding procedures utilized to award this contract favored a particular bidder and were otherwise defective.

Under the Competition in Contracting Act of 1984 (CICA), 31 U.S.C. § 3551 (Supp. III 1985), our Office is authorized to review protests concerning proposed contracts for the "procurement of property or services" by a federal agency. Here, the protest concerns a sale of standing hay by the Department of Agriculture, and, as such, it does not involve a procurement of property or services within the meaning of CICA. As our Bid Protest Regulations indicate, we will review protests concerning sales by a federal agency only if the agency involved agrees in writing to have its protests decided by our Office; the agency involved here has not done so. As a result, there is no basis for review of the protest by our Office. See Equity Federal Savings Bank, 64 Comp. Gen. 697 (1985), 85-2 CPD ¶ 81.

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The protest is dismissed.


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