



Comptroller General  
of the United States

Washington, D.C. 20548

## Decision

**Matter of:** Central Arkansas Maintenance, Inc.

**File:** B-257256.2

**Date:** July 14, 1994

### DECISION

Central Arkansas Maintenance, Inc. protests the Department of the Army's decision to exclude it from the competitive range under solicitation No. DACW38-94-R-0004.

We dismiss the protest as untimely.

Our Bid Protest Regulations contain strict rules requiring timely submission of protests. Under these rules, protests must be filed no later than 10 working days after the protester knew, or should have known, of the basis for protest, whichever is earlier. 4 C.F.R. § 21.2(a)(2). In this regard, a protester's receipt of oral information forming the basis of its protest is sufficient to start the 10-day time period running; written notification is not required. Swafford Indus., B-238055, Mar. 12, 1990, 90-1 CPD ¶ 268.

Here, the agency advises that award was made on April 25, 1994, and that the protester actually received notification of that award on April 29. Therefore, its protest filed in our Office on July 7, 1994, is untimely and will not be considered.

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Ronald Berger".

Ronald Berger  
Associate General Counsel