



Comptroller General
of the United States
Washington, D.C. 20548

Decision

Matter of: Knudsen Enterprises, Inc.
File: B-258304
Date: September 15, 1994

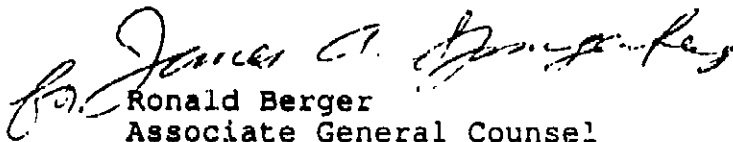
DECISION

Knudsen Enterprises, Inc. protests award of contract to American Auto Carriers, Inc., issued by the U.S. Army Military Traffic Management Command under Solicitation No. DAHC21-94-R-0009.

We dismiss the protest as untimely filed on August 26, 1994, because it challenges an alleged impropriety in the solicitation that should have been protested before the initial closing time for submission of proposals on June 28, 1994.

Our Bid Protest Regulations contain strict rules requiring timely submission of protests. These rules specifically require that protests based upon alleged improprieties in a solicitation which are apparent prior to the closing date for receipt of initial proposals must be filed prior to the closing time. 4 C.F.R. § 21.2(a)(1); Engelhard Corp., B-237824, Mar. 23, 1990, 90-1 CPD ¶ 324.

These timeliness rules reflect the dual requirements of giving parties a fair opportunity to present their cases and resolving protests expeditiously without unduly disrupting or delaying the procurement process. Air Inc.--Request for Recon., B-238220.2, Jan. 29, 1990, 90-1 CPD ¶ 129. In order to prevent these rules from becoming meaningless, exceptions are strictly construed and rarely used. Id.


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