



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

# Decision

**Matter of:** White Storage & Retrieval Systems, Inc.

**File:** B-261578

**Date:** June 7, 1995

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## DECISION

White Storage & Retrieval Systems, Inc. protests the award of a contract to Jeter Corporation by the Department of Transportation, United States Coast Guard, under solicitation No. DTCG-95-B-HMV230.

White contends that the solicitation contained restrictive and ambiguous specifications and should have been issued under negotiated instead of sealed bid procedures.

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 bid opening or the closing date for receipt of proposals must be filed prior to that time. 4 C.F.R. § 21.2(a)(1); Manatts, Inc., B-237532, Feb. 16, 1990, 90-1 CPD ¶ 287. Therefore, this protest, filed after award is untimely.

White further alleges that the Coast Guard did not advertise the solicitation or the amendments in the Commerce Business Daily. This alleged impropriety did not prejudice White in this case since White did in fact submit its bid and participate in this procurement.

The protest is dismissed.

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