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Comptroller General
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Decision

Matter of: Automated Power Systems, Inc.

File: B-261158

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DECISION

Automated Power Systems, Inc. protests the terms of invitation for bids (IFB) No. DTCG36-95-B-B5B128, issued by the United States Coast Guard. We view this protest as academic because the agency has subsequently issued two amendments which, according to the protester, completely changed the nature of the procurement and which are the subject of a second protest by the protester. The protester agrees that this first protest is now academic.

The jurisdiction of our Office is established by the bid protest provisions of the Competition in Contracting Act of 1984, 31 U.S.C. §§ 3551-3556 (1988). Our role in resolving bid protests is to ensure that the statutory requirements for full and open competition are met. Brown Assocs. Mgmt. Servs., Inc.--Request for Recon., B-235906.3, Mar. 16, 1990, 90-1 CPD ¶ 299.

The General Accounting Office will not consider protests where the issue presented has no practical consequences with regard to an existing federal government procurement, and thus is of purely academic interest. Accordingly, the protest is dismissed.

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