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Attn: Vincent A. Tifer  
Vice President and General Manager

Gentlemen:

This refers to your letter dated November 28, 1988, protesting the terms of invitations for bids (IFB) No. 2FYG-JK-88-0004-N issued by the General Services Administration (GSA) for plastic bags to be manufactured in accordance with commercial item description (CID) A-A-1668C.

You argue that the IFB's requirement that the bags comply with CID A-A-1668C is unduly restrictive of competition and exceeds GSA's minimum needs. As a producer of another type of high density plastic bag, in conformance with CID A-A-2299A, you contend that your product can perform as well as those called for in the IFB at a lower cost to the government.

As you are aware, in our decision B-232218, dated October 25, issued in response to a similar protest from your firm involving an earlier GSA procurement of plastic bags, we ruled that the exclusion of CID A-A-2299A was not unduly restrictive of competition and did not exceed GSA's minimum needs. Since your current protest raises the same issues which were resolved in our recent decision, we dismiss this protest without obtaining a report from the agency, since it is clear that the protest is without legal merit. 4 C.F.R. § 21.3(m) (1988).

Sincerely yours,

Robert M. Strong  
Associate General Counsel