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Dear Mr. Perlman:

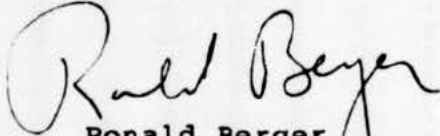
On February 25, 1988, International Consulting Engineers, Inc. (ICE) filed a protest concerning solicitation No. N62474-87-C-7856, issued by the Navy for architectural and engineering (A/E) services for the design of three projects at the Naval Weapons Station, Seal Beach, California. The protest concerns the propriety of the Navy's decision to begin a new selection procedure under the solicitation after the Navy field activity conducting the procurement had completed interviews with selected A/E firms and had forwarded its recommended selection for the required approval by Navy headquarters.

In comments on the Navy's report on the protest, ICE stated that it had been advised by the Navy on April 12 that it was no longer being considered for award under the solicitation. On April 25, ICE filed a second protest challenging the Navy's decision to make award to Bernard Johnson Engineers.

We have decided to consolidate ICE's two protests in a single decision since they concern the same solicitation. Accordingly, we are closing our file on the first protest (B-230305) and will address the issues in both protests in our decision under B-230305.2. In addition, we have scheduled an informal conference on both protests to be held at our Office on June 8 at 10:00 a.m. in room 7056. In connection with B-230305.2, ICE also has requested a fact-finding conference. We will decide whether such a

conference is appropriate after the Navy submits its report on the protest. ICE's request for a fact-finding conference in connection with B-230305 has already been denied by letter dated April 20.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Ronald Berger". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned above the typed name.

Ronald Berger
Deputy Associate
General Counsel