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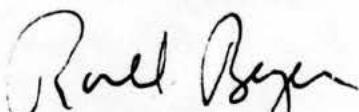
April 6, 1988

B. Russell Coupland
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Dear Mr. Coupland:

On January 14, 1988, you filed a protest (B-230007) concerning request for proposals (RFP) No. 88-01, issued by the Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation (PBGC) for professional services. On February 12, you filed a second protest (B-230007.2) concerning PBGC's conduct of negotiations under that same solicitation. In both protests you contend that PBGC has not provided sufficient information either in the RFP or during negotiations to allow offerors to understand the work to be performed. Since both protests raise essentially the same issues, we have decided to consolidate the two protests. Accordingly, we are closing our file on the first protest, B-230007, and we will address both protests in our decision under B-230007.2.

Sincerely yours,



Ronald Berger
Deputy Associate
General Counsel