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Comptroller General
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November 23, 2026

Re: GAO Bid Protest Annual Report to Congress for Fiscal Year 2026

Congressional Committees:

This letter responds to the requirements of the Competition in Contracting Act of 1984, 31 U.S.C. § 3554(e)(2) (CICA), that the Comptroller General report to Congress each instance in which (1) a federal agency did not fully implement a recommendation made by our Office in connection with a bid protest during the prior year, and each instance in which (2) a final decision in a protest was not rendered within 100 days after the date the protest is submitted to the Comptroller General. During fiscal year 2026, there were no instances in which a federal agency did not fully implement a recommendation made by our Office and we issued final decisions within 100 days for all protests filed with GAO. In this letter we have also provided data concerning our overall protest filings for the fiscal year. Finally, as required by CICA, this letter includes a summary of the most prevalent grounds for sustaining protests during the preceding year. 31 U.S.C. § 3554(e)(2).

Effect of Government Funding Lapse

From October 1 through November 12, 2025, GAO, was subject to a lapse in appropriations like a number of other federal agencies. As a result, GAO ceased its bid protest functions. We posted on our website, www.gao.gov, an explanation of how the funding lapse would affect bid protest activities and how we would proceed when the government resumed operations. We explained that we would extend the bid protest deadlines one day for each day that GAO was shut down. When the federal government shut down on October 1, there were 249 active bid protest cases in progress. Because the funding lapse lasted for 43 days, the bid protest deadlines were extended, as necessary, for a maximum of 43 days. All 249 cases impacted by the funding lapse were resolved within the extended deadlines.

Additionally, from January 31 to February 3, 2026, and from February 14 to April 30, 2026, parts of the United States Government shut down as the result of a lapse in appropriations to fund operations for fiscal year 2026. GAO was not subject to the lapse in appropriations and remained open during the partial lapse in funding. We posted on our website, www.gao.gov, a notice applicable to protests involving procurements conducted by agencies impacted by the lapse in appropriations. The notice explained how the partial funding lapse would affect bid protest activities and how we would proceed when the affected parts of the government resumed operations. We explained that the lapse in funding did not affect filing deadlines for protesters and

private parties. We also explained that all deadlines for affected agency filings were tolled during the lapse in appropriations for the applicable agencies and that GAO would establish revised filing deadlines for affected agencies when the lapse in funding was resolved.

Because of this partial government funding lapse, bid protest decision deadlines for 3 protests from affected agencies were extended, as needed, for a maximum of 58 days. Since GAO remained open during this period, we continued to decide all protests within 100 calendar days for the period that the relevant portion of the government was funded. Enclosed for your information are charts detailing the cases requiring extension due to a government funding lapse.

Summary of Overall Protest Filings

During the 2026 fiscal year, we received 1,587 cases during the fiscal year: 1,500 protests, 34 cost claims, and 53 requests for reconsideration. We closed 1,600 cases during the fiscal year: 1,515 protests, 34 cost claims, and 51 requests for reconsideration. Of the 1,600 cases closed, 292 were attributable to GAO's bid protest jurisdiction over task orders. Enclosed for your information is a chart comparing bid protest activity for fiscal years 2022-2026. The chart shows a six percent decrease in cases filed as compared to last year. We cannot know the full impact of the government funding lapse on the number of cases filed. However, we note that during the first quarter of the fiscal year, the 43-day funding lapse coincided with a drop in the number of cases filed. We received 318 cases, down from the prior four-year historical average of 474 cases for the same period.

Most Prevalent Grounds for Sustaining Protests

Of the protests resolved on the merits during fiscal year 2026, our Office sustained 10 percent of those protests. Our review shows that the most prevalent reasons for sustaining protests during the 2026 fiscal year were: (1) unreasonable technical evaluation;[1] (2) unreasonable past performance evaluation;[2] and (3) flawed selection decision.[3] It is important to note that a significant number of protests filed with our

[1] *E.g.*, *DAS Fed., LLC*, B-424464 *et al.*, July 31, 2026 (finding the agency's technical evaluation unreasonable, in part, where the agency assigned the protester's quotation a rating of "some confidence" and stated that the protester's approach yielded no benefits, despite agency evaluators finding the protester's quotation to have several strengths and no weaknesses).

[2] *E.g.*, *Veterans Mgmt. Servs., Inc.,* B-424182.2, B-424182.3, June 22, 2026 (finding the agency's past performance evaluation unreasonable where the solicitation permitted the agency to consider Contractor Performance Assessment Reporting System (CPARS) data that was more than three years old, but the agency failed to evaluate protester's past performance information that was more than three years old).

[3] *E.g.*, *Morrish-Wallace Constr. d/b/a Ryba Marine Constr. Co.*, B-423796.2, Feb. 5, 2026 (finding the agency's selection decision flawed where the agency found the

Office do not reach a decision on the merits because agencies voluntarily take corrective action in response to the protest rather than defend the protest on the merits. Agencies need not, and do not, report any of the myriad reasons they decide to take voluntary corrective action.

I trust this information is useful. If you have any questions, please feel free to reach out to the Managing Associate General Counsel for Procurement Law, Edward Goldstein at 202-512-4483.

Sincerely,



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Enclosures

awardee's bid to be responsive despite the awardee's failure to acknowledge the third amendment to the solicitation, which introduced material requirements that were not in the initial solicitation).

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Bid Protest Statistics for Fiscal Years 2022-2026

	FY 2026	FY 2025	FY 2024	FY 2023	FY 2022
Cases Filed[1]	1587 (down 6%)[2]	1688 (down 6%)	1803 (down 11%)	2025 (increase of 22%)	1658 (down 12%)
Cases Closed[3]	1600	1737	1706	2041	1655
Merit (Sustain + Deny) Decisions	412	380	386	608	455
Number of Sustains	43	53	61	188	59
Sustain Rate	10%	14%	16%	31%	13%
Effectiveness Rate[4]	50%	52%	52%	57%	51%
ADR[5] (cases used)	54	53	76	69	74
ADR Success Rate[6]	91%	91%	92%	90%	92%
Hearings[7]	.5% (3 cases)	.5% (3 cases)	.2% (1 case)	2% (22 cases)	.27% (2 cases)

[1] All entries in this chart are counted in terms of the docket numbers ("B" numbers) assigned by our Office, not the number of procurements challenged. Where a protester files a supplemental protest or multiple parties protest the same procurement action, multiple iterations of the same "B" number are assigned (*i.e.*, .2, .3). Each of these numbers is deemed a separate case for purposes of this chart. Cases include protests, cost claims, and requests for reconsideration.

[2] From the prior fiscal year.

[3] Of the 1,600 cases closed in FY 2026, 292 are attributable to GAO's bid protest jurisdiction over task or delivery orders placed under indefinite-delivery, indefinite-quantity contracts.

[4] Based on a protester obtaining some form of relief from the agency, as reported to GAO, either as a result of voluntary agency corrective action or our Office sustaining the protest. This figure is a percentage of all protests closed this fiscal year.

[5] Alternative Dispute Resolution.

[6] Percentage of cases resolved without a formal GAO decision after ADR.

[7] Percentage of fully developed cases in which GAO conducted a hearing; not all fully developed cases result in a merit decision.

Impact of Government Funding Lapse
October 1, 2025 – November 12, 2025

B-Number	Protester	Disposition	Original Due Date	# Days Extended by Funding Lapse	Date Closed
B-422939.3	Continuity Global Solutions, LLC	Denied	10/6	42	11/17
B-423689.1	Castro & Company, LLC	Sustained	10/8	36	11/13
B-423690.1-.2	Chugach Logistics-Facility Services JV, LLC	Denied	10/9	42	11/20
B-423054.4	Diversified Maintenance Systems, Inc.	Denied	10/15	35	11/19
B-423072.2	Pivotal Point, LLC	Denied	10/20	36	11/25
B-422308.5-.6	F H Cann & Associates, Inc.	Denied	10/22	42	12/3
B-422420.6-.7	Dentrust Dental International, Inc.	Withdrawn	10/22	22	11/13
B-423283.3	Salient CRGT, Inc.	Denied	10/27	39	12/5
B-423731.1	Tactical Engineering & Analysis, Inc.	Denied	10/27	39	12/5
B-422249.2-.4	CSlope Solutions, LLC	Denied	10/29	42	12/10
B-423301.3	Island Creek Associates, LLC	Denied	10/29	37	12/5
B-423738.1	AtechGov, LLC	Denied	10/29	19	11/17
B-423740.1-.2	Valiant Government Services, LLC	Denied	10/29	28	11/26
B-423744.1-.4	Tiger Natural Gas, Inc.	Sustained	10/29	42	12/10
B-423754.1-.2	Bode Cellmark Forensics, Inc.	Denied	10/31	21	11/21
B-423755.1-.2	Centurion Analytics, LLC	Denied	10/31	42	12/12
B-423756.1	The Spectrum Group Members, LLC	Denied	10/31	34	12/4
B-423767.1-.4	Markon, LLC	Sustained	10/31	42	12/12
B-423146.2	CIYIS, LLC	Denied	11/3	14	11/17

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B-423758.1	Oready, LLC	Denied	11/3	35	12/8
B-423769.1	Augustine Consulting, Inc.	Withdrawn	11/5	9	11/14
B-423774.1-.2	FYI – For Your Information, Inc.	Denied	11/5	37	12/12
B-423776.1-.2	R&K Enterprise Solutions, Inc.	Dismissed	11/5	36	12/11
B-423777.1-.2	H2 Technology Group, LLC	Denied	11/5	40	12/15
B-423779.1-.2	Centurion Analytics, LLC	Denied	11/5	37	12/12
B-423780.1-.2	Henry M. Jackson Foundation for the Advancement of Military Medicine, Inc.	Dismissed	11/5	37	12/12
B-423783.1-.2	Base Services of Athens, Inc.	Denied	11/7	40	12/17
B-423181.2-.4	CWTSato Travel	Denied	11/10	39	12/19
B-423203.4	Dephinus Engineering, Inc.	Denied	11/10	39	12/19
B-423785.1	Solvere Technical Group, LLC	Sustained	11/10	38	12/18
B-423135.4-.5	Envision Innovative Solutions, Inc.	Dismissed	11/13	26	12/9
B-423797.1	The Lioce Group, Inc.	Denied	11/13	39	12/22
B-423801.1	AOC Connect, LLC	Dismissed	11/14	38	12/22
B-422738.2-.3	Tribal Health, LLC	Dismissed	11/17	25	12/12
B-423671.2	Solutions71, LLC	Sustained	11/17	43	12/30
B-423804.1	Trans-Care Ambulance	Dismissed	11/17	15	12/2
B-423805.1 B-423805.2	ABSS Solutions, Inc. CICONIX, LLC	Denied Denied	11/17 11/17	29 29	12/16 12/16
B-423810.1-.2	Supplying Demand, LLC	Denied	11/17	7	11/24
B-423815.1	T3i, Inc.	Denied	11/19	41	12/30
B-422875.3-.4	Imagine One Technology & Management, Ltd.	Denied	11/24	39	1/2
B-423475.3	CORE DC, LLC	Denied	11/24	24	12/18

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October 1, 2025 – November 12, 2025

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B-423822.1	Aspetto, Inc.	Dismissed	11/24	29	12/23
B-423826.1	Ask Sage, Inc.	Dismissed	11/24	24	12/18
B-423827.1	Ask Sage, Inc.	Dismissed	11/24	24	12/18
B-423640.2, .4	Salient CRGT, Inc.	Denied	11/26	40	1/5
B-423833.1-.2	Guidehouse Digital, LLC	Denied	11/26	40	1/5
B-423838.1-.2	Centerline Logistics Corporation	Denied	11/26	42	1/7
B-423839.1, .3-.5	Hurricane Consulting, Inc.	Denied	11/26	37	1/2
B-422318.2	MIG GOV, LLC	Withdrawn	11/28	18	12/16
B-423841.1	The Cameron Bell Corporation d/b/a Gov Solutions Group	Denied	11/28	21	12/19
B-423843.1-.2	Southwest Range Services, LLC	Denied	11/28	42	1/9
B-422318.3, .5	Etolin Strait Associates, LLC	Dismissed	12/3	27	12/30
B-422318.4	Virtexco Corporation	Dismissed	12/3	27	12/30
B-423853.1	PCI Bhate JV, LLC	Denied	12/3	30	1/2
B-423857.1	Magellan Solutions USA, LLC	Denied	12/4	39	1/12
B-422811.3[1]	Inflowlogistics, LLC	Denied	12/5	46	1/20
B-423859.1-.2	Accenture Federal Services, LLC	Denied	12/5	42	1/16
B-423865.1	Mint Turbines, LLC	Dismissed	12/8	10	12/18
B-423868.1	JDSAT, Inc.	Denied	12/8	35	1/12
B-423869.1	Winspear Construction, LLC	Denied	12/8	22	12/30
B-423870.1-.3	Oasis Systems, LLC	Dismissed	12/8	7	12/15
B-423476.2, .4	Manutek, Inc.	Denied	12/11	28	1/8

[1] Adding 43 days to the original due date for this protest decision resulted in a due date of Saturday, January 17. Pursuant to our Bid Protest Regulations, 4 C.F.R. § 21.0(d), when the calendar due date falls on a weekend or Federal holiday, the period extends to the next day the agency is open. Because Monday, January 19, was a Federal holiday, the due date for the decision was automatically shifted to Tuesday, January 20, the next day GAO was open. Accordingly, the 43-day extension, combined with the operation of our regulations, resulted in a due date that was 46 days from the original date.

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B-423597.2-.3	Strategic Resources, Inc.	Denied	12/11	34	1/14
B-423727.3-.4	Centurion Analytics, LLC	Denied	12/15	39	1/23
B-423881.1-.3	KE System Services, Inc.	Dismissed	12/15	7	12/22
B-423882.1-.2	KnightsBridge Systems, LLC	Denied	12/15	18	1/2
B-423895.1-.2	Assisted Building Solutions, LLC	Denied	12/17	22	1/8
B-423897.1	Salvadorini Consulting, LLC	Denied	12/17	36	1/22
B-423898.1, .3	Amentum Technology, Inc.	Sustained	12/17	41	1/27
B-423898.2, .4	SOS International, LLC	Sustained	12/17	41	1/27
B-423900.1-.3	PowerTrain, Inc.	Dismissed	12/17	14	12/31
B-423464.2-.3	EEC-Lukos JV, LLC	Denied	12/17	41	1/27
B-423698.3	Rise Companies, LLC	Dismissed	12/19	10	12/29
B-423396.3-.7	MAG Aerospace	Denied	12/24	40	2/2
B-423502.3-.4	Low Voltage Wiring, Ltd.	Denied	12/24	37	1/30
B-423523.5-.6	Landscape Management Systems, Inc.	Denied	12/24	30	1/23
B-423919.1	Manson Construction Company	Withdrawn	12/24	14	1/7
B-423927.1	Mount Taylor Machine, LLC	Dismissed	12/26	17	1/12
B-422616.2	Tripoint Solutions, LLC	Withdrawn	12/29	11	1/9
B-423928.1-.2	Marvin Test Solutions, Inc.	Denied	12/29	30	1/28
B-423929.1	Military Operational Systems, LLC	Dismissed	12/29	8	1/6
B-417506.15	Amentum Parsons Logistics Services, LLC	Denied	12/31	35	2/4
B-420564.8	Assertive Professionals, LLC	Dismissed	12/31	15	1/15

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B-423934.1	Oready, LLC	Denied	12/31	9	1/9
B-423938.1-.2	Dentrust Dental International, Inc.	Denied	12/31	37	2/6
B-423941.1-.2	GKG Contractors, LLC	Denied	12/31	22	1/22
B-423943.1-.2	CVTEK, LLC	Denied	12/31	43	2/12
B-423945.1-.2	Diversified Maintenance Systems, Inc.	Denied	12/31	29	1/29
B-423952.1, .3	Coulson Aviation USA, Inc.	Dismissed	1/2	33	2/4
B-423952.2, .4	Kaiterra Fire Systems, Inc.	Denied	1/5	30	2/4
B-423966.1	DarkStar Intelligence, LLC	Denied	1/5	21	1/26
B-423967.1	G2 Ops, Inc.	Denied	1/5	39	2/13
B-423968.1-.2	CivitasDX, LLC	Denied	1/5	31	2/5
B-422421.8-.9, .11, .13-.14	General Dynamics Information Technology, Inc.	Dismissed	1/7	27	2/3
B-423686.2-.4	JANUS Research Group, LLC	Denied	1/7	37	2/13
B-423971.1-.2	AlphaSpaces	Dismissed	1/7	14	1/21
B-423980.1	Mission Analytics, LLC	Dismissed	1/8	6	1/14
B-423984.1-.2	Pitney Bowes, Inc.	Denied	1/8	28	2/5

Impact of DHS Government Funding Lapse
January 31, 2026 – February 3, 2026
February 14, 2026 – April 30, 2026

B-Number	Protester	Disposition	Original Due Date	# Days Extended by Funding Lapse	Date Closed
B-423916.2	Ardmore Consulting Group, Inc.	Denied	5/26	58	7/23
B-424269.1	FORTS Services, LLC	Withdrawn	5/28	11	6/8
B-424280.1	Heat Group, Ltd.	Dismissed	6/3	13	6/16