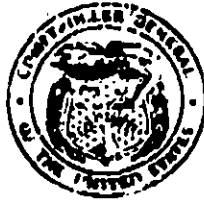


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**DECISION**



**THE COMPTROLLER GENERAL  
OF THE UNITED STATES  
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20548**

**FILE: B-190996**

**DATE: January 19, 1978**

**MATTER OF: Complete Building Maintenance Co., Inc.**

**DIGEST:**

Protest alleging specification deficiencies filed after bid opening is untimely and not for consideration under GAO Bid Protest Procedures.

Complete Building Maintenance Co., Inc. (CBM) protests the award of a contract under solicitation No. F33601-77-BE340, issued by Wright-Patterson Air Force Base, Ohio for custodial, janitorial and related services.

CBM asserts that the specifications were ambiguous, which made it "impossible to ascertain the precise scope of work upon which to bid."

This allegation relates to a deficiency in the solicitation. Section 20.2(b)(1) of our Bid Protest Procedures, 4 C.F.R. § 20.2 (b)(1) (1977), provides that a protest based upon an alleged impropriety in any type of solicitation, which is apparent prior to bid opening or the closing date for receipt of initial proposals, must be filed "prior to bid opening or the closing date for receipt of initial proposals." The protester's letter indicates that bid opening has already taken place. Accordingly, the protest is untimely and not for consideration on the merits.

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