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Re: B-298585.4, December 8
Reconsideration Request
by Guldman, Inc.

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Comments:

This responds to Guldman's December 8, 2006 request that we reconsider our November 29 decision dismissing, as untimely filed, the firm's November 13 reconsideration request with respect to Guldman Inc., B-298585, B-298585.2, Nov. 3, 2006.

We dismissed the November 13 reconsideration request, which had been sent to our Office by e-mail, because our records showed that it was received at our mailbox Protests@gao.gov at 5:31 p.m. on November 13, the last day of the 10-day filing period; as such, it was deemed filed on the next day. In response to Guldman's December 8 request that we review our e-mail records further, we have discovered that the e-mail in fact was received at a GAO server outside of our firewall at 5:28:22 p.m., was tested and passed through the firewall at 5:30:39 p.m., and then was delivered to Protests@gao.gov.

Since we thus have documentary evidence showing that the protest was in GAO custody before 5:30 p.m. on November 13, we have concluded that it was filed on that day. Accordingly, we are re-opening the reconsideration request, and will address it in a separate decision.