

SUMMARY CHART GENERAL PROTEST FILING DEADLINES AND CONSIDERATIONS¹

Pre-Award (challenge to solicitation terms or procurement ground rules)	GAO or COFC	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> File prior to the deadline for proposal submission (or the next upcoming deadline if the error was introduced later). If there is no further submission deadline, file as soon as reasonably possible (at COFC) or within ten (10) days of when you knew or should have known of your basis of protest (at GAO).
Elimination from Competitive Range	GAO	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> If you are entitled to a required debriefing, timely request a debriefing and file within ten (10) days of receiving that debriefing. If no debriefing, file within ten (10) days of notice of exclusion from the competitive range.
	COFC	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> No specific deadline, but the Court will evaluate equity (<i>i.e.</i>, laches).
Post-Award	GAO	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> If you are entitled to a required debriefing, timely request a debriefing and file within ten (10) days of receiving that debriefing. If you are not entitled to or do not timely request a required debriefing, file within ten (10) days of the date of award.
	COFC	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> No specific deadline, but the Court will evaluate equity (<i>i.e.</i>, laches).
Automatic Stay of Award or Performance (GAO or Agency)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Pre-award – if timely filed before award is made. Post-award – within ten (10) days of award or five (5) days of a required debriefing. 	

¹ Calculating deadlines is very fact-specific, and these general deadlines can differ based on a number of considerations, including whether you wish to seek a stay of award or performance. (GAO deadlines also apply to Agency-level protests.) Please explore the full interactive feature for additional guidance, and contact a Crowell & Moring attorney with any further questions.