

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION
FEDERAL AVIATION ADMINISTRATION
WASHINGTON, DC

ORDER

FAA Order

Number: ODRA-98-77B

**Matter: Protest by Vaisala, Inc. Against Single Source Acquisition
Announcement Dated July 14, 1998**

Docket: 98-ODRA-00082

Date Served: August 18, 1998

ORDER

Vaisala, Inc. ("Protester") protested to the Office of Dispute Resolution for Acquisition ("ODRA"), a July 14, 1998 public announcement by the FAA Program Office ("Program Office") of its intent to make a single-source award to Systems Management Incorporated for Automated Surface Observing Systems (ASOS). Protester alleged that (1) the sole source award was contrary to the requirements of the FAA's Acquisition Management System; and (2) the FAA's requirement can be satisfied on a competitive basis through a less expensive weather observation system known as the Automated Weather Observing System ("AWOS"). The protester urged that the FAA conduct a competitive procurement open to all offerors capable of providing either ASOS or AWOS.

The Director of the ODRA appointed dispute resolution officers for alternative dispute resolution and adjudication of the protest. Thereafter, on August 11, 1998, the FAA Program Office issued a second public announcement cancelling the July 14 single-source announcement. In consideration of that action, Protester has agreed to the voluntary dismissal of its protest.

Accordingly, pursuant to Section 3.9 of the FAA's Acquisition Management System ("AMS"), and in accordance with the delegation of authority granted to the ODRA by the FAA Administrator, this protest is hereby dismissed.

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Issued this 18th day of August, 1998