

**UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION
FEDERAL AVIATION ADMINISTRATION
WASHINGTON, DC**

ORDER

FAA Order

Number: OIRA-99-138

**Matter: Protest of AVIATION RESEARCH
GROUP/U.S., INC.
Pursuant to Market Survey for the National Aviation
Safety Data Analysis Center (NASDAC) International
Aviation Historical Safety Data Subscription**

Docket: 99-OIRA-00141

Date Served: October 28, 1999

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Aviation Research Group/U.S., Inc. filed a bid protest against a Market Survey concerning the National Aviation Safety Data Analysis Center International Aviation Historical Safety Data Subscription contract for the Office of System Safety ("ASY"). The Protest essentially alleges that the Product Team deliberately manipulated the procurement process in order to make a sole source award in favor of the incumbent contractor.

For the reasons set forth therein, I adopt the attached Findings and Recommendation of the Office of Dispute Resolution for Acquisition ("ODRA"); and summarily dismiss the protest as untimely. However, because the Protester has raised serious allegations that this procurement did not comport with the AMS' policy preference for competition, I also direct the FAA's Integrated Product Leadership Team, which has oversight responsibility for the Agency's Integrated Product Teams, to review the facts surrounding this procurement and, within thirty (30) business days of the date of this Order, report back to

