

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

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**ORDER**

**FAA Order  
Number: OIRA-00-159**

**Matter: Protest by NORTHROP GRUMMAN CORPORATION  
Pursuant to Solicitation DTFA01-00-R-00040**

**Docket: 00-OIRA-00159**

**Date Served: October 10, 2000**

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**ORDER**

On July 24, 2000, Northrop Grumman Corporation (“Northrop”) filed the above Protest challenging the terms of a Request for Offers (“RFO”) issued by the Federal Aviation Administration’s (“FAA”) Headquarters under Solicitation No. DTFA01-00-R-00040 for Airport Surface Detection Equipment – Model X (“ASDE-X”).

The Director of the FAA Office of Dispute Resolution for Acquisition (“ODRA”) appointed Judge Catherine Hyatt of the General Services Board of Contract Appeals to serve as a Special Master to make findings and recommendations on the resolution of the protest. After considering the submissions of the parties, and after an evidentiary hearing, Judge Hyatt concluded that the protest was without merit and should be denied.

I have reviewed the Findings and Recommendations of Judge Hyatt, which are attached hereto. Upon the recommendation of the ODRA, I hereby adopt those Findings and Recommendations and order that the Northrop protest be and hereby is denied.

