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Welcome to MMCB Volume 3! This Monday is a quick tidbit on FAR 13.5.

Matter of: Best Practices Group
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Link: <https://www.gao.gov/products/b-417768>
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Overview: A protest was dismissed as untimely, so there is nothing too important to extract from the decision, however this was a FAR 13.5 effort from the VA awarded in just 30 days from release of the solicitation. I could not find the FBO link, but maybe someone can in order to learn from their approach or to contact our POCs at the VA.

A statement from the GAO decision that is worth sharing (some of us may have known this already but still good to hear it from the GAO directly): *"There is no legal requirement for a debriefing here because this procurement was conducted "in accordance with FAR Part 13.5," which does not require the agency to provide a debriefing for unsuccessful vendors."* So, if you are doing a FAR 13.5 procurement you don't conduct a debriefing and carry FAR Part 15/16 baggage with you into 13.5, you correctly provide a brief explanation of the basis for the contract award decision .

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