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## 5333.104 Protests to GAO

(a) The Air Force Commercial Litigation Field Support Center ([AF/JACQ](#)) serves as agency counsel before the GAO and defends Department of the Air Force interests (see [MP5333.104](#)).

(b) *Protests before award*

(1) Forward the determination and finding through the SCO to [AF/JACQ](#) and, for approval, to the [cognizant HCA workflow](#) within seven days of the protest notification (see [MP5301.601\(a\)\(i\)](#)).

(c) *Protests after award*

(2) Forward the determination and finding through the SCO to [AF/JACQ](#) and, for approval, to the [cognizant HCA workflow](#) within seven days of the protest notification (see [MP5301.601\(a\)\(i\)](#)).

(g) *Notice to GAO*

Forward the report through the SCO to [AF/JACQ](#) and to the [cognizant HCA](#) for signature and submission to GAO within fifty-five days of date of receipt of the GAO recommendations (see [MP5301.601\(a\)\(i\)](#)). Provide a copy of the report submission to the [SAF/AQC Workflow](#).

(h) For purposes of post-award stay of contract awards under broad agency announcements, commercial solution openings, the Small Business Innovation Research (SBIR) program, and the Small Business Technology Transfer (STTR) program, each proposal received by the agency constitutes a separate procurement, provided funding is available to the government to award the contract to the protester in consequence of sustained protest or the government's corrective action.

**Parent topic:** [Subpart 5333.1 - PROTESTS](#)