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## **Identifying Viable Pre-Award Bid Protest Allegations At The GAO**

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The Government Accountability Office (“GAO”) is authorized to hear pre-award and post-award bid protest cases. While protests often focus on post-award challenges to an agency’s evaluation, there are many meritorious protest grounds that must be raised, if at all, prior to the closing date for receipt for proposals.

Three of our Government Contracts lawyers – Marko Kipa, Keith Szeliga, and Jessica Madon – recently published an article that assists protestors in identifying viable pre-award bid protest allegations. Among other things, the article analyzes the most common categories of pre-award bid protest grounds and describes the circumstances under which each ground is likely to prevail. With permission of Briefing Papers, the article is reproduced in full in this issue of our blog.

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