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**VIA ELECTRONIC MAIL**

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ATTN: Charles W. Morrow, Senior Staff Attorney

**Re: B-400500.10, Velos, Inc.  
Notice of Cancellation of Request for Proposal (RFP) 1406-04-08-RP-20201**

Dear Ms. Gibson:

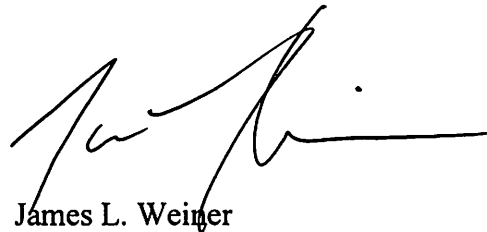
The U.S. Department of the Interior, National Business Center, Acquisition Services Directorate respectfully requests that the Government Accountability Office (GAO) dismiss the protest of Velos, Inc. (Velos) concerning RFP 1406-04-08-RP-20201. The agency has decided to cancel the underlying procurement, thereby rendering the protest academic.

The agency's determination to cancel the underlying solicitation includes terminating for convenience the current contract award, N08PC10010, to Medidata Solutions, Inc. Accordingly, this action effectively renders Velos' protest academic. Therefore, the agency respectfully requests that GAO dismiss Velos' protest, consistent with GAO's holding in *Dyna-Air Eng'g. Corp.*, B-278037, Nov. 7, 1997, 97-2 CPD ¶ 132, in which GAO stated that cancelling the underlying solicitation renders a protest academic and GAO will not consider academic questions.

Sincerely,

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