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## Husch Blackwell Sanders Secures Victory in Protest of Government Contract Award

On March 29, Husch Blackwell Sanders won a bid protest for client Irving Burton Associates, Inc., decided by the U.S. Government Accountability Office.

Irving Burton Associates was the incumbent contractor providing health information management system support services for TriCare Management Activity, the agency that administers the health care plan for members of the armed services, retirees and their families. Following a competitive procurement process, the agency selected another contractor to replace Irving Burton. Husch Blackwell filed a protest of the agency's decision, challenging the agency's evaluation of the proposals. After hearing arguments by all sides, GAO ruled in Irving Burton's favor. GAO also recommended that the agency pay Irving Burton's attorney's fees.

Partners Brian Waagner and Michael Gatje in the firm's Washington, D.C., office led this matter. Fewer than 20 percent of protests are sustained by a formal decision.

To read the public release from the GAO on this decision, [click here](#).