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Comptroller General
of the United States

Washington, D.C. 20548

Decision

Matter of: Government Contracting Resources, Inc.

File: B-270601

Date: November 29, 1995

DECISION

Government Contracting Resources, Inc. protests the Department of Veterans Affairs decision not to exercise the options under its current contract and the issuance of solicitation No. 688-3-96.

We dismiss the protest because a contractor has no legal right to compel the exercise of a contract option.

Contract options are exercised solely at the discretion of the government, and a contractor cannot compel an agency to exercise an option in its contract. California Shorthand Reporting, B-236680, Dec. 22, 1989, 89-2 CPD ¶ 584. Those who bid on contracts containing option provisions assume the risk that the agency might not exercise the option. Arlington Public Schools, B-228518, Jan. 11, 1988, 88-1 CPD ¶ 16.

The protest is dismissed.

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