

DECISION

**THE COMPTROLLER GENERAL
OF THE UNITED STATES**
WASHINGTON, D. C. 20548

FILE: B-211800

DATE: June 3, 1983

MATTER OF: Stieglitz & Grossmann Manufacturing

DIGEST:

GAO will not consider request for rescission of a contract due to a mistake in bid alleged after award since, according to the Contract Disputes Act of 1978, the matter should be submitted to the contracting officer for a decision.

Stieglitz & Grossman Manufacturing requests rescission of contract No. GS-00-DS-(S)34025 awarded to the firm by the General Services Administration's Stockpile Disposal Division for industrial diamond stones. Stieglitz & Grossmann alleges that its intended bids for two items of stones were substantially less than its submitted bids, which the Government accepted.

Our Office generally will not consider a contractor's request for rescission of its contract due to a mistake in bid alleged after award of the contract. Because a mistake claim alleged after award involves matters relating to the contract itself, it should be filed with the contracting officer for a decision pursuant to the Contract Disputes Act of 1978, 41 U.S.C. §§ 601-613 (Supp. IV, 1980). Tri-States Service Company, B-208567, January 17, 1983, 83-1 CPD 44.

Accordingly, we will not consider Stieglitz & Grossmann's request.

for 
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Acting General Counsel