

DECISION



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

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FILE: B-215353

DATE: June 19, 1984

MATTER OF: Total Maintenance Incorporated

DIGEST:

Where the government possesses the discretion to exercise an option, its decision whether or not to exercise that option is a matter of contract administration which GAO will not review under its bid protest functions.

Total Maintenance Incorporated (TMI), the incumbent for maintenance service at the Internal Revenue Service (IRS) Center in Austin, Texas, protests the General Services Administration's (GSA) election not to extend TMI's second option year under solicitation No. GS-07B-21677/7SB. TMI asserts that: (1) barring any Department of Labor wage increases, there would be no increase in the IRS portion of the contract; (2) TMI prorated costs for equipment over the 3-year life of the contract; and (3) TMI has been doing satisfactory work.

Where the government possesses the discretion to exercise the option provision of a contract, our Office will not consider the incumbent contractor's contention that the agency should exercise the option. Such a decision is a matter of contract administration and, hence, not within the purview of our bid protest functions. Bell & Howell Datatape Division, B-212989, September 21, 1983, 83-2 CPD 356. See also, Tri-States Service Company, B-208567, January 17, 1983, 83-1 CPD 44.

The protest is dismissed.

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