



The Comptroller General
of the United States

Washington, D.C. 20548

Decision

Matter of: Oklahomans for Indian Opportunity
File: B-224097
Date: August 29, 1986

DIGEST

GAO generally does not review complaints regarding an agency's decision not to enter into a grant with the complainant.

DECISION

Oklahomans for Indian Opportunity (OIO) complains about the Department of Commerce's decision not to award the organization a grant for which OIO submitted a proposal in a competition against other potential grantees.

We generally do not review complaints concerning the award of grants, unless there is some showing that the agency is using a grant where a contract is required, or that a conflict of interest exists. Innocept, Inc., B-208065, Sept. 13, 1983, 83-2 C.P.D. ¶ 317. We limit our review because the awards of grants are not significantly controlled by statutes and regulations having the force and effect of law, as are the awards of procurement contracts, and our involvement therefore would result in interference with the administration by executive branch agencies of their financial assistance programs. Id.

OIO's complaint does not come within the limited scope of our review of grants. The complaint therefore is dismissed.


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