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DECISION



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

FILE: B-186634

DATE: January 13, 1977

MATTER OF: Johnson Controls, Inc.

DIGEST:

GAO lacks authority to rule on merits of protest against award by Federal Reserve Board in connection with Kansas City Federal Reserve Bank since it does not appear that federally appropriated funds are involved in this procurement, and this Office has no statutory authority to settle accounts of members of Federal Reserve System.

Johnson Controls, Inc. (Johnson), protests the award by the Federal Reserve Board of a contract to Honeywell, Inc., for a security alarm system for the Oklahoma City Branch of the Kansas City Federal Reserve Bank.

It does not appear that federally appropriated funds are involved in this procurement, and this Office has no statutory authority to settle accounts of the Federal Reserve System banks.

In view of the foregoing, and since our bid protest jurisdiction is based on our authority to adjust and settle accounts and to certify balances in the accounts of accountable officers under 31 U.S.C. §§ 71 and 74 (1970), we must decline to consider the merits of the protest. 4 C.F.R. § 20.1(a) (1976).

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