

DECISION

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

FILE: B-214653

DATE: July 2, 1984

MATTER OF: Rainey's Security Agency, Inc.

DIGEST:

GAO generally does not consider mistake in bid claims alleged after award, since they are claims "relating to" contracts within the meaning of the Contract Disputes Act of 1978, which requires that all such claims be filed with the contracting officer for decision.

Rainey's Security Agency, Inc. requests that our Office review the General Services Administration's (GSA) decision to deny Rainey's petition to amend its offer due to a mistake in bid for security services under solicitation No. GS-05B-42444. GSA awarded the contract to Rainey after denying the firm's request, which was to correct its bid upward to cover the cost of acquiring and maintaining two security vehicles that Rainey alleged had inadvertently been omitted in calculating its bid price.

Our Office generally does not consider mistake in bid claims alleged after award. The reason is that such matters are claims "relating to" contracts within the meaning of the Contract Disputes Act of 1978, 41 U.S.C. §§ 601-613 (1982), which requires that all such claims be filed with the contracting officer for decision. Tri-States Service Company, B-208567, Jan. 17, 1983, 83-1 CPD ¶ 44. Rainey's mistake claim, first brought to our attention more than 2 months after contract award, therefore should be filed and processed according to the cited statute's procedures.

The matter is dismissed.

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