

DECISION



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

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FILE:

B-219007

DATE: July 2, 1985

MATTER OF:

Get-A-Way Travel, Inc.

DIGEST:

Protest against an agency's competitive selection of a contractor to make travel arrangements for federal employees is dismissed since the contractual arrangement is exempt from the procurement statutes and the contract is only a management vehicle to obtain travel services which themselves are exempt from procurement procedures.

Get-A-Way Travel, Inc. (Get-A-Way), protests the General Services Administration's (GSA) award of a contract under solicitation No. GSA-3FC-85-N-001 to Cherry Hill Travel, Inc., for the arrangement of travel services for official government travel. Get-A-Way argues that GSA personnel exhibited bias toward Get-A-Way during the review of the proposals.

The protest is dismissed.

We have recently held that an agency's competitive selection of a contractor to make travel arrangements for federal employees is exempt from the procurement statutes since the contractual arrangement is only a management vehicle to obtain travel services which themselves are exempt from procurement procedures. T.V. Travel, Inc.; World Travel Advisors, Inc.; Discovery Tour Wholesalers, Inc., B-218198; B-218198.2; B-218198.4; B-218198.5, June 5, 1985, 85-1 C.P.D. ¶ _____. Accordingly, there is no basis for consideration of this protest under our Bid Protest Regulations, 4 C.F.R. part 21 (1985), which deal with the filing of protests of awards subject to the procurement statutes and regulations.

The protest is dismissed.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "R. Strong".

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