

**DECISION**



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

Gilhooly

**FILE:** B-220859 **DATE:** October 31, 1985  
**MATTER OF:** The Big Picture Company, Inc.

**DIGEST:**

Where an option is exercisable at the sole discretion of the government, the decision not to exercise the option is a matter of contract administration which GAO will not review under its bid protest function.

The Big Picture Company, Inc., protests the failure of Kelly Air Force Base, Texas, to exercise an option to extend contract No. F41800-84-D00035 for an additional period of performance. Big Picture contends the option was not exercised in retaliation for its appeal of a contract claim to the Armed Services Board of Contract Appeals.

Where the option provision of a contract is exercisable at the sole discretion of the government, we will not consider an incumbent contractor's contention that the agency should exercise the option. Such a decision is a matter of contract administration and not within the purview of our bid protest function. Precision Cabinet Company, B-217029, Nov. 26, 1984, 84-2 C.P.D. ¶ 569. Big Picture does not contend that the exercise of the option here was not at the government's discretion.

The protest is dismissed.

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

Robert M. Strong  
Deputy Associate General Counsel

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