



Comptroller General
of the United States

Washington, D.C. 20548

Decision

Matter of: Intown Properties, Inc.

File: B-257357

Date: May 24, 1994

DECISION

Intown Properties, Inc. protests the Department of Housing and Urban Development's decision not to renew Intown's contract.

Contract options are exercised solely at the discretion of the government, and a contractor cannot compel an agency to exercise an option in its contract. California Shorthand Reporting, B-236680, Dec. 22, 1989, 89-2 CPD ¶ 584. Those who bid on contracts containing option provisions assume the risk that the agency might not exercise the option. Arlington Public Schools, B-228518, Jan. 11, 1988, 88-1 CPD ¶ 16. Thus, the government's decision not to exercise an option in a procurement contract does not provide a valid basis for protest.

The protest is dismissed.

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Ronald Berger", is written over the typed name.

Ronald Berger
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