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**DECISION**



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

FILE: B-204930

DATE: October 19, 1981

MATTER OF: Arm-Ben Corporation

**DIGEST:**

Claim concerning agency's alleged failure to purchase services from contractor under post-March 1, 1979, requirements contract is for resolution under Contract Disputes Act of 1978 and, therefore, may not be considered by GAO.

Arm-Ben Corporation (Arm-Ben) "protests" the Department of the Navy's (Navy) alleged breach of its requirements contract No. N62467-81-C-2242 for housing maintenance at Cecil Field, Florida, for the period April 1, 1981, to March 31, 1982. Specifically, Arm-Ben alleges that Government employees are performing "many items of work" covered under its contract and that the Navy should, therefore, pay the company a "sum equal to 25% of the contract price."

Arm-Ben's "protest" actually is a claim relating to its requirements contract. Therefore, the claim, involving a post-March 1, 1979, contract, is required to be processed under the Contract Disputes Act of 1978, 41 U.S.C. §§ 601-613 (Supp. III, 1979) and may not be considered by our Office. As stated in section 6(a) of the act:

"All claims by a contractor against the government relating to a contract shall be in writing and shall be submitted to the contracting officer for a decision."

In this connection, we note that Arm-Ben's letter of September 15, 1981, to the Navy states that the company "invokes the provisions of the Contract Disputes Act of 1978."

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The claim is dismissed.

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