

# Board of Contract Appeals

General Services Administration  
Washington, D.C. 20405

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GSBCA 15633-TRAV

In the Matter of PEARSON E. DUBAR

Pearson E. Dubar, Overland Park, KS, Claimant.

Gerlene C. Inman, Director, National Headquarters Administrative Support Division, Natural Resources Conservation Service, Department of Agriculture, Washington, DC, appearing for Department of Agriculture.

**GOODMAN**, Board Judge.

Claimant, Pearson E. Dubar, is not a federal employee, but an attorney with an employment contract with the Department of Agriculture. He has requested that this Board review a decision of the agency that directs him to repay \$4995 in travel expenses for which he was reimbursed as the result of travel pursuant to his employment contract.

We are unable to review the agency's decision. While claimant's claim involves travel expenses, our authority to settle claims involving official travel extends only to "expenses incurred by Federal civilian employees for official travel." 31 U.S.C. § 3702(a)(3)(1996); see also GSBCA Rule 401. (48 CFR 6104.1 (2000)).

Claimant is not a federal civilian employee, but a person who has entered into a contract with a government agency, i.e., a government contractor.<sup>1</sup> This Board does not have the authority to review the decision of the agency. We therefore dismiss this case.

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<sup>1</sup> If claimant's contract with the Department of Agriculture is a contract for the procurement of services to which the Contract Disputes Act, 41 U.S.C. §§601-613, is applicable, then this matter may possibly be resolved under the disputes process set forth in that statute.

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ALLAN H. GOODMAN  
Board Judge