

FOREST PRODUCTS, INC.,)	AGBCA No. 99-149-ADR
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Party to Alternative Dispute Resolution)	
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DECISION OF THE BOARD OF CONTRACT APPEALS

 March 5, 1999

OPINION BY ADMINISTRATIVE JUDGE JOSEPH A. VERGILIO

On February 23, 1999, Forest Products, Inc., of Corbin, Kentucky, opted to utilize the Board and Alternative Dispute Resolution (ADR) techniques to resolve its dispute concerning the Wolf Knob Timber Sale contract, No. 6320, with the U. S. Department of Agriculture, Forest Service (Government). The Government agreed to the use of ADR. After the Government had terminated a portion of the contract, which required work within the Daniel Boone National Forest, Stearns Ranger District, Whitley County, Kentucky, Forest Products filed a claim to recover various costs. The Contracting Officer (CO) granted in part and denied in part the claim. Although the 90-day period to file an appeal with the Board has expired, Forest Products, Inc., AGBCA No. 98-179-1 (Mar. 5, 1999), the 12-month period to file a court action contesting the decision has not elapsed; therefore, the CO's determination is not final. This dispute is resolved as an ADR matter pursuant to the Contract Disputes Act (CDA), as amended. 41 U.S.C. §§ 605(b), 605(d), 609.

The Board and parties met in London, Kentucky, on February 23, 1999. With the Board's assistance, this dispute was settled. The Government offered, and Forest Products accepted, \$15,492, to resolve the matter. The Government promptly is to pay the lump sum, which reflects full and final

settlement; no separate amount will be sought for interest under the CDA or for legal fees under the Equal Access to Justice Act (EAJA). Neither party will appeal this decision which is final.

DECISION

Given the settlement, the matter is closed.

JOSEPH A. VERGILIO

Administrative Judge

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