January 7, 2010

CBCA 1724-TRAV

In the Matter of MARY ALICE BEHE

Mary Alice Behe, Lorton, VA, Claimant.

Deborah Duren, Support Services Manager, Customs and Border Protection, Department of Homeland Security, Lorton, VA, appearing for Department of Homeland Security.

DRUMMOND, Board Judge.

Mary Alice Behe, an employee of Chenega Technology Services Corporation (CTSC), was tasked by CTSC to participate in a four day training program for Customs and Boarder Protection in 2008. Ms. Behe reports that CTSC has refused to reimburse her mileage expenses. CTSC argues that we lack jurisdiction to settle this matter. CTSC asserts that it is a non-governmental corporate entity and Ms. Behe is a federal contractor, and not a federal employee. Ms. Behe, in response to a Board order, concedes that she is not a federal civilian employee.

The Board's authority to settle claims is limited by statute to claims "involving expenses by federal civilian employees for official travel and transportation" 31 U.S.C. § 3702(a)(3) (2006); *Scott J.N. McNabb*, GSBCA 15211-TRAV, 00-2 BCA ¶ 31,005. As a nonfederal employee, Ms. Behe's claim is beyond our jurisdiction.

This matter is dismissed for lack of jurisdiction.

JEROME M. DRUMMOND Board Judge