



UNITED STATES
CIVILIAN BOARD OF CONTRACT APPEALS

August 22, 2013

CBCA 3484-RELO

In the Matter of CHARLES WRIGHT

Charles Wright, FPO Area Pacific, Claimant.

Charles Molden, Deputy Regional Human Resources Director, Commander, Navy Region Japan, Department of the Navy, FPO Area Pacific, appearing for Department of the Navy.

GOODMAN, Board Judge.

Claimant is a civilian employee of the Department of Defense (DoD) who is changing his employment to a position with the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) in Washington, D.C. He has received travel orders from DoD authorizing payment of relocation costs from Japan to his home of record, San Diego, California. Claimant believes he should be issued travel orders authorizing relocation costs to his permanent duty station in Washington, D.C. However, claimant has been advised by DoD that, because he is transferring to another agency, law and regulation only require DoD, as the “losing agency,” to authorize payment of relocation costs to his home of record. Claimant has asked this Board to determine if his travel orders are issued correctly.

The jurisdiction of this Board includes the resolution of claims for reimbursement of expenses incurred in connection with relocation to a new duty station. A claim for incurred expenses must be submitted to the agency for initial adjudication before this Board can review the agency’s decision. Rule 401 (48 CFR 6104.401 (2012)); 31 U.S.C. § 3702 (2006). Claimant has not incurred expenses for which he has sought reimbursement, nor

has he asked the VA, the “gaining agency,” to reimburse any expenses which DOD will not pay. The case has been filed prematurely; at this point, there is nothing for us to decide.

Consequently, we dismiss this case.

ALLAN H. GOODMAN
Board Judge