



UNITED STATES  
CIVILIAN BOARD OF CONTRACT APPEALS

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January 28, 2011

CBCA 2250-TRAV

In the Matter of ALFONSO DIAZ DEL CASTILLO

Alfonso Diaz Del Castillo, Arlington, VA, Claimant.

John J. Nichols, Attorney-Advisor, Office of the Chief Counsel, Transportation Security Administration, Arlington, VA, appearing for Department of Homeland Security.

**SOMERS**, Board Judge.

On January 5, 2011, claimant, Alfonso Diaz Del Castillo, filed a claim with the Board seeking reimbursement from the Department of Homeland Security, Transportation Security Agency, for expenses incurred in connection with his temporary duty assignment beginning in July 2010. On January 27, 2011, the agency requested an enlargement of time to respond to claimant's submission. In the request, the agency noted that claimant had never submitted a valid travel voucher in support of his claim for reimbursement; consequently, the agency never reimbursed him for his travel. Indeed, claimant did not include his voucher in the materials submitted. The Board attempted to contact claimant, but could not reach him at the telephone number provided.

Discussion

The Board has established procedural rules governing travel claims. Rule 401 of the Board's Rules of Procedure for Travel and Relocation Expenses Cases, 48 CFR 6104.401 (2010), provides that any claim for entitlement to travel or relocation expenses must first be filed with the claimant's own department or agency and that the

agency must initially adjudicate the claim. A claimant disagreeing with the agency's determination may then request review by this Board.

Since Mr. Diaz Del Castillo has not filed a claim with the agency, his claim is premature. *See, e.g., George Oliver*, GSBCA 14550-TRAV, 98-2 BCA ¶ 29,800. Thus, the Board does not have jurisdiction to entertain his claim at this time. Accordingly, because the Board does not possess jurisdiction over his claim, this obviates the need for the agency to submit a response. The claim is dismissed.

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JERI KAYLENE SOMERS  
Board Judge