PETITION GRANTED IN PART: May 1, 2023

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PARSONS GOVERNMENT SERVICES, INC.,

Petitioner,

v.

## DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY.

Respondent.

Michael R. Rizzo of Pillsbury Winthrop Shaw Pittman LLP, Los Angeles, CA, counsel for Petitioner.

Lucy M. Knowles and Ralf Wilms, Office of Chief Counsel, Department of Energy, Aiken, SC, counsel for Respondent.

Before Board Judges BEARDSLEY (Chair), RUSSELL, and ZISCHKAU.

## **ZISCHKAU**, Board Judge.

On April 17, 2023, Parsons Government Services, Inc. (Parsons) submitted a petition asking the Board to order respondent's contracting officer to issue a decision within sixty days on the certified claim Parsons submitted on March 1, 2023, in connection with contract no. DE-AC09-02SR22210. Upon receipt of the claim, the contracting officer communicated to Parsons that she would like to extend the time for a response to 180 days to give adequate time for her to review the matter. Later, the contracting officer reduced the time requested to 160 days.

On April 27, 2023, the Board held a conference with the parties to discuss the petition and after hearing the parties' positions, determined that 120 days was an appropriate amount

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of time for the contracting officer's response. See 41 U.S.C. § 7103(f)(2), (4) (2018). If the contracting officer is able to issue a decision sooner than 120 days, she should do so.

## **Decision**

Accordingly, we **GRANT** the petition **IN PART**, directing the contracting officer to provide a final decision within 120 days of March 1, 2023.

Jonathan D. Zíschkau
JONATHAN D. ZISCHKAU
Board Judge

We concur:

Erica S. Beardsley
ERICA S. BEARDSLEY
Board Judge

Beverly M. Russell
BEVERLY M. RUSSELL
Board Judge