



UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20202

In the Matter of

**LADERA CAREER PATHS
TRAINING CENTERS**
Respondent.

Docket No. 12-60-ST
Federal Student Aid Proceeding

Appearances: Margo Harris, Director of Operations, Los Angeles, CA, for Ladera Career Paths Training Centers.

Russell B. Wolff, Esq., Office of the General Counsel, U.S. Department of Education, Washington, D.C., for the Office of Federal Student Aid.

Before: Judge Ernest C. Canellos

DECISION

On November 2, 2012, Respondent's Director of Operations filed a written Request for Review that challenged the imposition of an Emergency Action, issued by the U.S. Department of Education (ED), Office of Federal Student Aid (FSA). Within the same notice, FSA included its intent to terminate the Respondent's eligibility to participate in the federal student aid programs. The basis for these actions was the October 19, 2012 notice from the Accrediting Commission of Career Schools and Colleges reporting its final withdrawal of Respondent's accredited status. Upon being reassigned this matter after the retirement of the originally assigned hearing official, Judge Richard I. Slippen, I made attempts to contact Respondent for the purpose of establishing a schedule for the filing of briefs and evidentiary matter. My attempts to contact a representative of the Respondent have up until now been unsuccessful; I do note that the Respondent has failed in its duty to keep the tribunal informed of its current service address.

On April 29, 2013, I exercised my authority under 34 C.F.R § 668.117 (c) (3) and issued a Show Cause Order, ordering that on or before May 10, 2013, the Respondent Show Cause why I should not terminate these proceedings and issue a Judgment in FSA's favor, on the basis of the Respondent's apparent abandonment of its appeal. Since the date of my Order, I have received no communication from Respondent.

At this point, and without any input from Respondent, as a procedural matter, I have

closed the administrative record. I find that the Respondent, as a party in an active litigation before this tribunal, has failed to comply with its duty to keep the tribunal informed of its current address so as to receive my official directives. As a consequence of such failure, I must review the entire administrative record as it exists. Such review indicates that FSA, through its issuance of the Notice and supporting documentation cited above, has presented a prima facie case that supports its claim that the Respondent does not meet the institutional eligibility criteria for the continuous participation in the federal student aid programs. *See*, 34 C.F.R. §600.41 (e) (1). In addition, I find that the Respondent has failed to present any evidence that it is otherwise accredited and it continues to satisfy such mandatory eligibility criteria.

ORDER

On the basis of the foregoing findings of fact and conclusions of law, it is HEREBY ORDERED that Ladera Career Paths Training Centers' eligibility to participate in the federal student aid programs authorized under Title IV of the Higher Education Act of 1965, as amended, be terminated.

Ernest C. Canellos
Chief Judge

Dated: May 15, 2013

SERVICE

A copy of the attached document was sent by Certified U.S. Mail, Return Receipt Requested, to the following:

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