



**U.S. Department of  
Transportation**

Office of the Secretary  
Of Transportation

Departmental Office of Civil Rights  
1200 New Jersey Avenue, S.E., W76-401  
Washington, DC 20590

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Docket Number 21-0019

Ayesha Farzana  
eJanger, Inc.  
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Irvine, CA 92614

Dear Ms. Farzana:

Your company, eJanger Inc., DBA eJAmerica, appeals the California Department of Transportation's (Caltrans) decision to deny the firm's DBE application under the rules set forth in 49 CFR part 26 (the DBE regulation), for failure to cooperate. See section 26.109(c) of the regulation.

On appeal, you say that the COVID-19 public health emergency prevented you from timely submitting required application information to Caltrans.

Caltrans had authority to request the information, and you concede that you did not provide it. See Supporting Documents Checklist in Appendix F of regulation. Section 26.109(c) define this omission as a failure to cooperate and states that Caltrans may deny your application as a result.

You allege no reversible error under section 26.89(c), and we find none.

We therefore affirm Caltrans's decision under section 26.89(f)(1) as supported substantial evidence and consistent with applicable certification rules.

This decision is administratively final. The firm may re-apply for DBE certification at any time.

Sincerely,

Samuel F. Brooks  
DBE Team Lead  
Disadvantaged Business Enterprise Division

cc: Caltrans