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December 14, 2018

Stephanie Cowsert, AVP Financial Aid Policy and Compliance
Ashford University
8620 Spectrum Center Boulevard
San Diego, CA 92123

TITLE 38 - NOTICE OF INTENTION NOT TO ACT

Dear Ms. Cowsert:

The California State Approving Agency for Veterans Education (CSAAVE), a division of the California Department of Veteran Affairs (CalVet) gives notice of our **INTENTION NOT TO ACT** on the Initial Application for Approval of Accredited Proprietary Institutions for the training of veterans and other eligible persons at Ashford University (Ashford), 8620 Spectrum Boulevard, San Diego, CA 92123.

On November 20, 2018, CSAAVE received an application from Ashford University. After a summary review of Ashford's application, CSAAVE has determined that the application includes information that exceeds CSAAVE's scope of approval authority. Specifically, Section 6 of CSAAVE's application requires the applicant institution to disclose any and all material facts regarding regulatory actions pertaining to the current status of the institution, its owners or ownership structure, policies, branch locations and educational programs, certificates, diplomas and degrees. Ashford's supplemental materials lists pending lawsuits alleging Ashford used erroneous, deceptive or misleading advertising practices relating to the enrollment of veterans. In such matters, under 38 U.S. Code §3696, these allegations shall be referred to the Federal Trade Commission by the Secretary of the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs.

Because of the pending lawsuits related to Ashford's advertising practices, CSAAVE cannot act on Ashford's Initial Application for Approval of Accredited Proprietary Institutions.

Under 38 CFR §21.4250(b)(3), Ashford University may request approval by the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs.

Should you have any questions regarding CSAAVE's notice, please contact me at Shane.Ferrebee@calvet.ca.gov.

Sincerely,

Shane R. Ferrebee
Senior Education Specialist