

# STRONG EXPERIENCE IN SMALL BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION MATTERS LEADS TO SUCCESSFUL APPEAL FOR CONSTRUCTION CLIENT

The U.S. Department of Veteran Affairs (VA) reversed its initial decision denying a company's application for certification as a U.S. Small Business Administration (SBA) Service-Disabled Veteran-Owned Small Business (SDVOSB), following prompt and assertive measures taken by Hodgson Russ attorneys. In this case, the VA denied a construction company's self-prepared application, citing as a basis deficiencies in the company's corporate governance documents. Despite being told by the VA to wait six months to appeal the decision, Hodgson Russ attorneys immediately worked with the company to comprehensively revise these documents to address the noted deficiencies. Once corrected, Hodgson Russ attorneys appealed the denial to the VA's deputy director, requesting that the contracting company's application be reconsidered immediately and the six-month waiting period be waived. A short time later, the VA reversed its initial denial and verified the company as a participant in the program—an unusual reversal, particularly outside of a court challenge.

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