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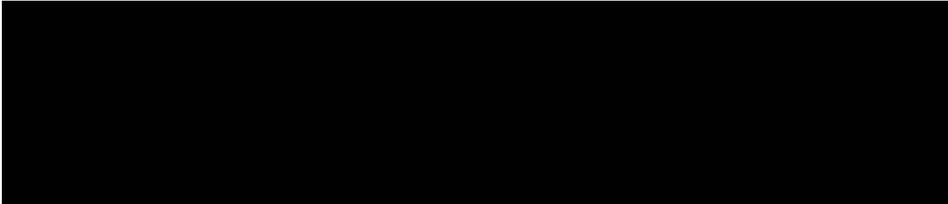
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FILE: WAC 01 246 54248 Office: CALIFORNIA SERVICE CENTER Date: **OCT 03 2006**

IN RE: Petitioner:  
Beneficiary:



PETITION: Immigrant Petition for Alien Worker as a Member of the Professions Holding an Advanced Degree or an Alien of Exceptional Ability Pursuant to Section 203(b)(2) of the Immigration and Nationality Act, 8 U.S.C. § 1153(b)(2)

ON BEHALF OF PETITIONER:



INSTRUCTIONS:

This is the decision of the Administrative Appeals Office in your case. All documents have been returned to the office that originally decided your case. Any further inquiry must be made to that office.

Robert P. Wiemann, Chief  
Administrative Appeals Office

**DISCUSSION:** The employment-based immigrant visa petition was denied by the Director, California Service Center, and is now before the Administrative Appeals Office on appeal. The appeal will be dismissed.

The petitioner seeks to classify the beneficiary pursuant to section 203(b)(2) of the Immigration and Nationality Act (the Act), 8 U.S.C. § 1153(b)(2), as a member of the professions holding an advanced degree. The petitioner asserts that an exemption from the requirement of a job offer, and thus of a labor certification, is in the national interest of the United States. The director found that the petitioner qualifies for classification as a member of the professions holding an advanced degree, but that the petitioner had not established that an exemption from the requirement of a job offer would be in the national interest of the United States.

Review of CIS records indicates that, subsequent to filing the instant petition, the petitioner filed another Form I-140 petition, with receipt number WAC-02-273-54763. CIS records further indicate that the second petition was approved on December 24, 2002. The alien concurrently filed a Form I-485 Application to Adjust Status, receipt number WAC-02-273-54569, which was approved on November 9, 2004. Because the alien has adjusted to lawful permanent resident status, further pursuit of the matter at hand is moot.

**ORDER:** The appeal is dismissed, based on the alien's adjustment to lawful permanent resident status.