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FILE:

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Office: VERMONT SERVICE CENTER

Date: **AUG 02 2004**

IN RE:

Petitioner:
Beneficiary

[Redacted]

PETITION:

Petition for Alien Worker as a Skilled Worker or Professional Pursuant to Section 203(b)(3) of the Immigration and Nationality Act, 8 U.S.C. § 1153(b)(3)

ON BEHALF OF PETITIONER:

[Redacted]

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.

[Signature]
Robert P. Wiemann, Director
Administrative Appeals Office

DISCUSSION: The preference visa petition was denied by the Director, Vermont Service Center, and is now before the Administrative Appeals Office (AAO) on appeal. The appeal will be summarily dismissed.

The petitioner is a software development and computer consultancy firm. It seeks to employ the beneficiary permanently in the United States as a programmer analyst. As required by statute, the petition is accompanied by an individual labor certification, the Application for Alien Employment Certification (Form ETA 750), approved by the Department of Labor.

Section 203(b)(3)(A)(i) of the Immigration and Nationality Act (the Act), 8 U.S.C. § 1153(b)(3)(A)(i), provides for the granting of preference classification to qualified immigrants who are capable, at the time of petitioning for classification under this paragraph, of performing skilled labor (requiring at least two years training or experience), not of a temporary or seasonal nature, for which qualified workers are not available in the United States.

Provisions of 8 C.F.R. § 204.5(g)(2) state:

Ability of prospective employer to pay wage. Any petition filed by or for an employment-based immigrant which requires an offer of employment must be accompanied by evidence that the prospective United States employer has the ability to pay the proffered wage. The petitioner must demonstrate this ability at the time the priority date is established and continuing until the beneficiary obtains lawful permanent residence. Evidence of this ability shall be either in the form of copies of annual reports, federal tax returns, or audited financial statements.

The director denied the petition in a decision dated March 1, 2004. The petitioner appealed on March 30, 2004, and counsel states, as the basis for the appeal, that:

We request the Administrative Appeal Unit to grant us 45 days to submit this "Brief on Appeal". Please be advised that the petitioner needs more time to provide supporting financial documentation to evidence their viability. This would take about 40-45 business days.

Counsel has filed no further brief or evidence with the director or the AAO, and more than the time allowed and requested has elapsed. 8 C.F.R. § 103.3(a)(2)(i) and (viii). The appeal does not identify, specifically, any erroneous conclusion of law or statement of fact. Hence, the appeal must be summarily dismissed. 8 C.F.R. § 103.3(a)(1)(v).

The burden of proof in these proceedings rests solely with the petitioner. Section 291 of the Act, 8 U.S.C. § 1361. The petitioner has not met that burden.

ORDER: The appeal is summarily dismissed.