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FILE: EAC 07 167 52211 Office: VERMONT SERVICE CENTER Date: JUL 16 2007
IN RE: Petitioner: [Redacted]
Beneficiaries: [Redacted]

PETITION: Petition for a Nonimmigrant Worker Pursuant to Section 101(a)(15)(H)(ii)(b) of the Immigration and Nationality Act, 8 U.S.C. § 1101(a)(15)(H)(ii)(b)

ON BEHALF OF PETITIONER:
SELF-REPRESENTED

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.

1/02 Michael T. Kelly
Robert P. Wiemann, Chief
Administrative Appeals Office

DISCUSSION: The nonimmigrant visa petition was approved by the Director, Vermont Service Center, and certified to the Administrative Appeals Office (AAO) for review as required by 8 C.F.R. § 214.2(h)(9)(iii)(B)(2)(ii). The decision of the director will be affirmed and the petition will be approved.

The petitioner operates an employment contracting business doing business in Louisiana. It desires to employ the beneficiaries as welder and fitter helpers from April 1, 2007 to January 1, 2008, in response to an “unprecedented demand for reconstruction efforts” caused by Hurricane Katrina. The Department of Labor (DOL) determined that a temporary certification by the Secretary of Labor could not be made.

The director determined that sufficient countervailing evidence has been submitted to show that qualified persons in the United States are not available, that the employment policies of the Department of Labor have been observed and that the need for the services to be performed is temporary and a one-time occurrence.

Upon review of the evidence contained in the record, the decision of the director is found to be correct. The petitioner has provided sufficient evidence to establish that the need for the beneficiaries’ services is temporary and a one-time occurrence. The Vermont Service Center will issue the appropriate approval notice.

ORDER: The decision of the director is affirmed. The nonimmigrant visa petition is approved.