

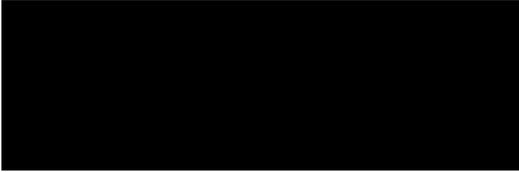
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FILE: EAC 07 200 52162 Office: VERMONT SERVICE CENTER Date: **JUL 17 2007**
IN RE: Petitioner: [Redacted]
Beneficiaries: [Redacted]
PETITION: Petition for a Nonimmigrant Worker Pursuant to Section 101(a)(15)(H)(ii)(b) of the
Immigration and Nationality Act, 8 U.S.C. § 1101(a)(15)(H)(ii)(b)

ON BEHALF OF PETITIONER:



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.

for *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 performs emergency and planned fabrication, rehabilitation and highly specialized installation of ship and maritime propulsion materials and equipment. It desires to employ the beneficiaries as marine certified welders for eight months. The petitioner currently has a contract to supply welders to the Gulf Copper and Manufacturing Corporation, based in Texas. The company's need for the beneficiaries is due to the extensive damage caused to thousands of ships in and near the Gulf of Mexico by Hurricane Katrina. The Department of Labor 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 DOL have been observed and that the need for the services to be performed is temporary.

After 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 a one-time occurrence and temporary. The Vermont Service Center will issue the appropriate approval notice.

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