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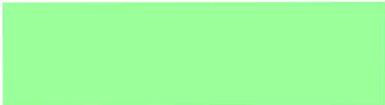
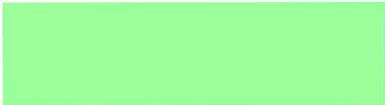
U.S. Citizenship  
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DATE: JUN 04 2013

OFFICE: TEXAS SERVICE CENTER

FILE: 

IN RE: Petitioner:   
Beneficiary: 

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

ON BEHALF OF PETITIONER:



INSTRUCTIONS:

Enclosed please find the decision of the Administrative Appeals Office in your case. All of the documents related to this matter have been returned to the office that originally decided your case. Please be advised that any further inquiry that you might have concerning your case must be made to that office.

If you believe the AAO inappropriately applied the law in reaching its decision, or you have additional information that you wish to have considered, you may file a motion to reconsider or a motion to reopen in accordance with the instructions on Form I-290B, Notice of Appeal or Motion, with a fee of \$630. The specific requirements for filing such a motion can be found at 8 C.F.R. § 103.5. **Do not file any motion directly with the AAO.** Please be aware that 8 C.F.R. § 103.5(a)(1)(i) requires any motion to be filed within 30 days of the decision that the motion seeks to reconsider or reopen.

Thank you,

Ron Rosenberg  
Acting Chief, Administrative Appeals Office

**DISCUSSION:** The Acting Director, Texas Service Center (acting director), denied the employment-based immigrant visa petition. The petitioner appealed the decision to the Administrative Appeals Office (AAO). The appeal will be summarily dismissed as abandoned pursuant to the regulation at 8 C.F.R. § 103.2(b)(13)(i).

The petitioner manages health and retirement funds.<sup>1</sup> It seeks to permanently employ the beneficiary in the United States as a project manager. The petitioner requests classification of the beneficiary as a professional pursuant to section 203(b)(3)(A)(ii) of the Immigration and Nationality Act (the Act), 8 U.S.C. § 1153(b)(3)(A)(ii). The petition is accompanied by a labor certification approved by the U.S. Department of Labor.

The director's decision denying the petition concluded that the petitioner failed to establish that the beneficiary, as of the petition's priority date, possessed a U.S. bachelor's degree or a foreign equivalent degree in a relevant field as required by the labor certification.

The record shows that the appeal is properly filed and makes a specific allegation of error in law or fact. The procedural history in this case is documented by the record and incorporated into the decision. Further elaboration of the procedural history will be made only as necessary.

The AAO conducts appellate review on a *de novo* basis. *See Soltane v. DOJ*, 381 F.3d 143, 145 (3d Cir. 2004). The AAO considers all pertinent evidence in the record, including new evidence properly submitted upon appeal.<sup>2</sup>

On April 2, 2013, the AAO sent the petitioner a notice of intent to dismiss its appeal (NOID), with a copy to counsel of record. The NOID included a copy of a report from the Electronic Database for Global Education of the American Association of Collegiate Registrars and Admissions Officers, indicating that the beneficiary's bachelor of commerce degree from India was not a foreign equivalent degree of a U.S. bachelor's degree. The NOID informed the petitioner that the AAO intended to dismiss its appeal based in part on the report and allowed the petitioner 30 days in which to submit a response. The AAO informed the petitioner that failure to respond to the NOID would result in a dismissal of the appeal.

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<sup>1</sup> According to its letter in support of the petition, the notes to its 2009 audited financial statements, and information on its website, the petitioner is a trust established to provide benefits to actors, broadcasters, voice professionals and other performing artists who work under collective bargaining agreements between the [REDACTED] and various employers. *See* [www.\[REDACTED\]](http://www.[REDACTED]) (accessed May 22, 2013).

<sup>2</sup> The submission of additional evidence on appeal is allowed by the instructions to the Form I-290B, which are incorporated into the regulations by 8 C.F.R. § 103.2(a)(1). The record in the instant case provides no reason to preclude consideration of any of the documents newly submitted on appeal. *See Matter of Soriano*, 19 I&N Dec. 764 (BIA 1988).

As of the date of this decision, the petitioner has not responded to the AAO's NOID. The failure to submit requested evidence that precludes a material line of inquiry shall be grounds for denying the petition. *See* 8 C.F.R. § 103.2(b)(14). Because the petitioner failed to respond to the NOID, the appeal will be summarily dismissed as abandoned pursuant to the regulation at 8 C.F.R. § 103.2(b)(13)(i).

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 as abandoned.