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IN RE: Petitioner:
Beneficiary: [redacted]

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

ON BEHALF OF PETITIONER:

[redacted]

INSTRUCTIONS: This is the decision 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.

If you believe the law was inappropriately applied or you have additional information that you wish to have considered, you may file a motion to reconsider or a motion to reopen. Please refer to 8 C.F.R. § 103.5 for the specific requirements. All motions must be submitted to the office that originally decided your case by filing a Form I-290B, Notice of Appeal or Motion, with a fee of $585. Any motion must be filed within 30 days of the decision that the motion seeks to reconsider or reopen, as required by 8 C.F.R. § 103.5(a)(1)(i).

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Chief, Administrative Appeals Office

DISCUSSION: The service center director denied the nonimmigrant visa petition. The matter is now on appeal before the Administrative Appeals Office (AAO). The appeal will be dismissed. The petition will be denied.

The petitioner is a software consulting and developing company. It seeks to employ the beneficiary as a programmer analyst and to classify him as a nonimmigrant worker in a specialty occupation pursuant to section 101(a)(15)(H)(i)(b) of the Immigration and Nationality Act (the Act), 8 U.S.C. § 1101(a)(15)(H)(i)(b).

The director denied the petition on the following grounds: (1) the petitioner failed to establish that the proposed position qualifies for classification as a specialty occupation; (2) the petitioner does not qualify as a United States employer or agent; and (3) the petitioner is not likely to comply with the terms and conditions of the H-1B petition as the record is inconsistent.

The record of proceeding before the AAO contains: (1) Form 1-129 and supporting documentation; (2) the director's request for evidence (RFE); (3) the petitioner's response to the RFE; (4) the notice of decision; and (5) Form I-290B, an appeal brief, and supporting materials. The AAO reviewed the record in its entirety before issuing its decision.

In the documentation submitted with the petition on April 1, 2008, the petitioner described itself as being engaged in the business of offering mission critical consulting solutions to businesses through cutting-edge technologies. The petitioner listed 8 employees in the Form I-129. The petitioner indicated that it wished to employ the beneficiary as a programmer analyst from October 1, 2008 through September 4, 2011 at an annual salary of $49,504.

The scope of the position is described as follows in the support letter the petitioner submitted with the H-1B petition on behalf of the beneficiary:

> The Programmer Analyst will be working under a project manager and will be responsible for analyzing the data processing requirements of the client, in order to determine the client's functional and technical computer software needs. The Programmer Analyst will then be responsible for designing and developing a computer system using the software and hardware that will best suit the client's needs. The programmer Analyst may also be responsible for implementing that design by overseeing the installation of the necessary system software and its customization to the client's unique requirements.

In the support letter, the petitioner goes on to provide the following breakdown of job duties:

- Develop software systems programming, including documentation and testing (40%);
- Design software system, using design tools (20%);
- Consult with client to determine system requirements (15%);
- Analyze software requirements to determine design feasibility (10%);
- Consult with engineering staff to evaluate interface between hardware and software and performance

requirements of the overall system (5%);
- Consult with client concerning maintenance of system (5%); and
- Coordinate installation of software system (5%).

The petitioner describes the minimum degree requirements for the proffered position as follows:

> The position requires an individual with analytical background and skill. Such a background can only be obtained through one of several limited means, which include a bachelor's degree in engineering, computer science, or business with a specialization in information systems. We have never placed an individual in the above position, who holds less than a bachelor's degree or its equivalent in one of the above disciplines, or a closely related field.
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> This is a position that normally requires a minimum of a bachelor's degree, or its equivalent, for entry into the field.

The submitted [redacted] was filed for a programmer analyst to work in Troy, MI and covers the period requested by the petitioner. The [redacted] lists a prevailing wage of $49,504.

With respect to the proposed worksite where the beneficiary will be assigned, the petitioner's support letter states that he will work in Troy, MI. This location is also indicated on the Form I-129.

The beneficiary's education documents, indicating that he has a foreign degree, were submitted with the petition, but the petitioner did not include an education evaluation.

On June 2, 2008, the director issued an RFE stating that the evidence of record is not sufficient to demonstrate whether the petitioner is the actual employer, whether a specialty occupation exists, and whether the beneficiary is qualified to perform services in a specialty occupation. The petitioner was advised to submit an itinerary of definite employment, listing the names of the employers and locations where the beneficiary would provide services, as well as the dates of service, for the period of requested H-1B status. The petitioner was also advised to submit copies of its contractual agreements with the beneficiary and with companies for which the beneficiary would be providing consulting services. The RFE specifically noted that "merely providing contracts between the petitioner and other consultants or employment agencies that provide consulting or staffing services to other companies may not be sufficient. There must be a clear contractual path shown from the petitioner, through any other consultants or staffing agencies, to an ultimate end-client." The director also requested documentation evidencing the petitioner's business and additional education documentation from the beneficiary, including a foreign educational credentials evaluation.

Counsel for the petitioner responded to the RFE on July 14, 2008, asserting that the petitioner is the actual employer of the beneficiary and not an agent. With the RFE response, counsel included the following documents:

- An offer of employment from the petitioner to the beneficiary dated March 20, 2008, stating, "you

shall use your best energies and abilities on a full time basis to perform, at location designated by the Company and including customer offices, the employment duties assigned to you from time to time";

- A letter from the petitioner addressed to USCIS dated July 9, 2008, asserting that it will be the beneficiary's actual employer throughout the term of employment and that it will provide training and on-going technical support to him. The letter also states that it will place the beneficiary "on a contract at [redacted]. This is within easy and normal commuting distance to the location indicated on the [redacted] (Troy, Michigan), submitted with the case. [redacted] Inc is not responsible for supervising or controlling the beneficiary, nor would they transfer him to another work location without the advance permission and consent of [the petitioner]";
- A signed itinerary from the petitioner, dated July 10, 2008. that states the beneficiary will be assigned as a Programmer Analyst to [redacted] from October 6, 2008 to September 30, 2011, and that the petitioner does not intend to assign the beneficiary to another location, but, if it does become necessary to do so, the petitioner will obtain a new [redacted]
- A copy of a subcontract between the petitioner and [redacted], effective February 21, 2008, which includes the provision that "[redacted] **would have the right to interview the personnel to access suitability of the consultant's personnel, before the start of the assignment.**" (Emphasis added.);
- A copy of the subcontractor purchase order from [redacted] signed by the petitioner and [redacted] which lists the beneficiary by name and provides that he will be assigned to work in Auburn Hills, MI from October 1, 2008 to August or September 2011;[1]
- A copy of a letter from the petitioner, dated June 24, 2008, with respect to how it trains its employees; and
- A copy of a letter from the beneficiary, dated July 10, 2008, stating that he will be placed on a project at [redacted], but that [redacted] would not have any input or control over his work and that he will be working under and reporting to a supervisor employed by the petitioner at all times.

The petitioner did not submit any of the education documents for the beneficiary requested in the RFE. Instead, counsel states the following, "In summary, [the petitioner], is willing to train the beneficiary, [beneficiary's name], in order to prepare him for his first project, which will be located at [redacted] This indicates that the beneficiary is not qualified to perform in the specialty occupation based on his credentials.

Moreover, this documentation provided in response to the [redacted] evidencing that the beneficiary will be assigned to a third party client site through a subcontract between the petitioner and another company directly contradicts the information that the petitioner indicated in the Form I-129 and [redacted], namely, that the petitioner would employ the beneficiary at its offices in Troy, MI.

The AAO will first consider whether the proffered position is a specialty occupation. Section 214(i)(l) of the

[1] This purchase order does not mention Chrysler.

Immigration and Nationality Act (the Act), 8 U.S.C. § 1184(i)(l), defines the term "specialty occupation" as an occupation that requires:

(A) theoretical and practical application of a body of highly specialized knowledge, and

(B) attainment of a bachelor's or higher degree in the specific specialty (or its equivalent) as a minimum for entry into the occupation in the United States.

The regulation at 8 C.F.R. § 214.2(h)(4)(ii) states, in pertinent part, the following:

> *Specialty occupation* means an occupation which requires theoretical and practical application of a body of highly specialized knowledge in field of human endeavor including, but not limited to, architecture, engineering, mathematics, physical sciences, social sciences, medicine and health, education, business specialties, accounting, law, theology, and the arts, and which requires the attainment of a bachelor's degree or higher in a specific specialty, or its equivalent, as a minimum for entry into the occupation in the United States.

Pursuant to 8 C.F.R. § 214.2(h)(4)(iii)(A), to qualify as a specialty occupation, a proposed position must also meet one of the following criteria:

(*1*) A baccalaureate or higher degree or its equivalent is normally the minimum requirement for entry into the particular position;

(*2*) The degree requirement is common to the industry in parallel positions among similar organizations or, in the alternative, an employer may show that its particular position is so complex or unique that it can be performed only by an individual with a degree;

(*3*) The employer normally requires a degree or its equivalent for the position; or

(*4*) The nature of the specific duties is so specialized and complex that knowledge required to perform the duties is usually associated with the attainment of a baccalaureate or higher degree.

As a threshold issue, it is noted that 8 C.F.R. § 214.2(h)(4)(iii)(A) must logically be read together with section 214(i)(1) of the Act, 8 U.S.C. § 1184(i)(1), and 8 C.F.R. § 214.2(h)(4)(ii). In other words, this regulatory language must be construed in harmony with the thrust of the related provisions and with the statute as a whole. *See K Mart Corp. v. Cartier Inc.*, 486 U.S. 281, 291 (1988) (holding that construction of language which takes into account the design of the statute as a whole is preferred); *see also COIT Independence Joint Venture v. Federal Sav. and Loan Ins. Corp.*, 489 U.S. 561 (1989); *Matter of W-F-*, 21 I&N Dec. 503 (BIA 1996). As such, the criteria stated in 8 C.F.R. § 214.2(h)(4)(iii)(A) should logically be read as being necessary but not necessarily sufficient to meet the statutory and regulatory definition of specialty occupation. To otherwise interpret this section as stating the necessary *and* sufficient conditions for meeting the definition of specialty occupation would result in particular positions meeting a condition under 8 C.F.R. § 214.2(h)(4)(iii)(A) but not the statutory or regulatory definition. *See Defensor v. Meissner*, 201 F.3d 384, 387 (5th Cir. 2000). To avoid this illogical and absurd result, 8 C.F.R. § 214.2(h)(4)(iii)(A) must therefore be read as stating additional requirements that a position must meet, supplementing the statutory and regulatory definitions of specialty occupation.

Consonant with section 214(i)(1) of the Act and the regulation at 8 C.F.R. § 214.2(h)(4)(ii), U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) consistently interprets the term "degree" in the criteria at 8 C.F.R. § 214.2(h)(4)(iii)(A) to mean not just any baccalaureate or higher degree, but one in a specific specialty that is directly related to the proffered position. Applying this standard, USCIS regularly approves H-1B petitions for qualified aliens who are to be employed as engineers, computer scientists, certified public accountants, college professors, and other such professions. These occupations all require a baccalaureate degree in the specific specialty as a minimum for entry into the occupation and fairly represent the types of professions that Congress contemplated when it created the H-1B visa category.

In addressing whether the proposed position is a specialty occupation, the AAO agrees with the director's determination that the record is devoid of documentary evidence with respect to the end-client firm, and therefore whether his services would actually be those of a programmer analyst.

The regulation at 8 C.F.R. § 214.2(h)(4)(iv) provides that "[a]n H-1B petition involving a specialty occupation shall be accompanied by [d]ocumentation . . . or any other required evidence sufficient to establish . . . that the services the beneficiary is to perform are in a specialty occupation." Moreover, the regulation at 8 C.F.R. § 214.2(h)(4)(iv)(A)*(1)* specifically lists contracts as one of the types of evidence that may be required to establish that the services to be performed by the beneficiary will be in a specialty occupation.

To determine whether a particular job qualifies as a specialty occupation position, the AAO does not solely rely on the job title or the extent to which the petitioner's descriptions of the position and its underlying duties correspond to occupational descriptions in the Department of Labor's *Occupational Outlook Handbook (Handbook).* Critical factors for consideration are the extent of the evidence about specific duties of the proffered position and about the particular business matters upon which the duties are to be performed. In this pursuit, the AAO must examine the evidence about the substantive work that the beneficiary will likely perform for the entity or entities ultimately determining the work's content.

No documentation was submitted with respect to the third party client that would have been probative in determining whether the proffered position justified the performance of duties normally associated with a specialty occupation. For example, such evidence might have included a copy of the contract with the third party client and a detailed description of the project to be performed for the third party client that explains why the proffered position is required at the third party client site. Without documentary evidence to support the claim, the assertions of the petitioner will not satisfy the petitioner's burden of proof. The unsupported assertions of counsel do not constitute evidence. *Matter of Obaigbena*, 19 I&N Dec. 533, 534 (BIA 1988); *Matter of Laureano*, 19 I&N Dec. 1 (BIA 1983); *Matter of Ramirez-Sanchez*, 17 I&N Dec. 503, 506 (BIA 1980).

As recognized by the court in *Defensor v. Meissner*, 201 F.3d at 387, where the work is to be performed for entities other than the petitioner, evidence of the client companies' job requirements is critical. The court held that the legacy Immigration and Naturalization Service had reasonably interpreted the statute and regulations as requiring the petitioner to produce evidence that a proffered position qualifies as a specialty occupation on the basis of the requirements imposed by the entities using the beneficiary's services. Such evidence must be sufficiently detailed to demonstrate the type and educational level of highly specialized knowledge in a specific discipline that is necessary to perform that particular work. The record of proceedings lacks such substantive evidence from any end-user entities that may generate work for the beneficiary and whose

business needs would ultimately determine what the beneficiary would actually do on a day-to-day basis. In short, the petitioner has failed to establish the existence of H-1B caliber work for the beneficiary.

The petitioner's failure to establish the substantive nature of the work to be performed by the beneficiary precludes a finding that the proffered position is a specialty occupation under any criterion at 8 C.F.R. § 214.2(h)(4)(iii)(A), because it is the substantive nature of that work that determines (1) the normal minimum educational requirement for the particular position, which is the focus of criterion 1; (2) industry positions which are parallel to the proffered position and thus appropriate for review for a common degree requirement, under the first alternate prong of criterion 2; (3) the level of complexity or uniqueness of the proffered position, which is the focus of the second alternate prong of criterion 2; (4) the factual justification for a petitioner's normally requiring a degree or its equivalent, when that is an issue under criterion 3; and (5) the degree of specialization and complexity of the specific duties, which is the focus of criterion 4.

As the record does not contain sufficient evidence of the work the beneficiary would perform for the third party client, the AAO cannot analyze whether his placement is related to the provision of a product or service that requires the performance of the duties of a programmer analyst. Applying the analysis established by the Court in *Defensor*, which is appropriate in an H-1B context, like this one, where USCIS has determined that the petitioner is not the only relevant employer for which the beneficiary will provide services, USCIS has found that the record does not contain any documentation from the end user client(s) for which the beneficiary will provide services that establishes the specific duties the beneficiary would perform. Without this information, the AAO cannot analyze whether these duties would require at least a baccalaureate degree or the equivalent in a specific specialty, as required for classification as a specialty occupation.

The AAO therefore affirms the director's finding that the petitioner failed to establish that the proposed position qualifies for classification as a specialty occupation.

Next, the AAO will address the issue of whether or not the petitioner qualifies as a United States employer. In the RFE response letter and in the appeal brief, counsel for the petitioner argues that the petitioner is the actual employer.

In support of its assertion that the petitioner will be the employer of the beneficiary and not a contractor or agent, counsel cites to *Matter of Smith*, 12 I&N Dec. 772 (Dist.Dir. 1968). *Smith* can be distinguished from this case. First, *Smith* involved a sixth preference immigrant petition and not an H-1B nonimmigrant petition. Second, the petitioner in *Smith*, a staffing service, provided a continuous supply of secretaries to third-party clients. The district director determined that the staffing service, rather than its clients, was the beneficiary's actual employer. To reach this conclusion, the director looked to the fact that the staffing service would directly pay the beneficiary's salary; would provide benefits; would make contributions to the beneficiary's social security, worker's compensation, and unemployment insurance programs; would withhold federal and state income taxes; and would provide other benefits such as group insurance. (*Id.* at 773). Although these factors are relevant in determining the beneficiary's employer for the purpose of guaranteeing permanent employment in an immigrant petition context, in an H-1B context the petitioner has to establish that it is an employer that has or will have an employer-employee relationship with the beneficiary and that it is making a bona fide offer of employment to the beneficiary. *See* 8 C.F.R. § 214.2(h)(4)(ii)(definition of United States employer).

On appeal, counsel for the petitioner argues that "the Service incorrectly surmised that the Beneficiary will be subcontracted from [redacted]. In fact, evidence was submitted in response to the request for additional evidence, that [redacted] parent company, [redacted] has a long-term contract with Chrysler for the development of systems." This argument is not persuasive. In response to the RFE, the petitioner provided a printout from the website of the parent company of [redacted] stating that [redacted] is a subsidiary of [redacted] and that [redacted] is a subsidiary of [redacted] The petitioner also provided a press release printed from Tata Consultancy Services' website dated April 4, 2008, stating that [redacted] has signed a new multi-year contract with [redacted] to provide a portfolio of IT services. The press release also states, "TCS will deliver IT application and maintenance support services to [redacted] by leveraging its [redacted] from various locations around the world as well as the recently announced [redacted] domestic delivery center outside Cincinnati, Ohio and through a locally recruited team in the Detroit, Michigan region." However, no independent documentation was provided with respect to the nexus between the petitioner, [redacted] Such evidence might have included copies of the Articles of Incorporation and share certificates evidencing the ultimate ownership of [redacted] copies of corporate documentation showing that Tata assigned its work for [redacted], a copy of the agreement between [redacted] and [redacted] and documentation regarding the specifics of the project, including a detailed description of the beneficiary's role, so that it can be determined whether or not the position offered to the beneficiary qualifies as a specialty occupation.

Nevertheless, even assuming that [redacted] has contracted for a project that [redacted] will work on for at least the duration of the period requested in the petition, since the evidence does not indicate that the petitioner has any other confirmed assignments for the beneficiary, whether there is sufficient work in a specialty occupation for the beneficiary to perform for the entire length of the petition is dependent on [redacted] Counsel states "the Service incorrectly surmised that the Beneficiary would sub-contract the beneficiary to [redacted] when in fact, [redacted] is the actual end-client." However, no evidence was provided to indicate that [redacted] has ultimate control over whether or not it will perform projects at Chrysler. Presumably, without evidence to the contrary, [redacted] does not independently decide to perform projects at [redacted] without [redacted] authorization. Therefore, as indicated above, [redacted] is likely the actual end-user entity that would generate work for the beneficiary and whose business needs would ultimately determine what the beneficiary would actually do on a day-to-day basis.

By not submitting any documentation justifying the assignment of the beneficiary to the third party client site in a specialty occupation, the petitioner precluded the director from establishing whether the petitioner has made a bona fide offer of employment to the beneficiary or that it has sufficient control over the beneficiary to establish an employer-employee relationship based on the evidence of record. Going on record without supporting documentary evidence is not sufficient for purposes of meeting the burden of proof in these proceedings. *Matter of Soffici*, 22 I&N Dec. 158, 165 (Comm. 1998) (citing *Matter of Treasure Craft of California*, 14 I&N Dec. 190 (Reg. Comm. 1972)).

The AAO therefore affirms the director's finding that the petitioner does not qualify as a United States employer as it also failed to establish that it has sufficient work and resources for the beneficiary.

With respect to counsel's assertion that the petitioner is an agent as well as an employer, without sufficient evidence as described above, including documentation regarding the project allegedly contracted between [redacted] as well as the beneficiary's role in such work, it is impossible to verify the condition and scope of the beneficiary's services, much less the proffered position. Therefore, the petitioner has not established that it is an agent under 8 C.F.R. § 214.2(h)(2)(i)(F).

The director also found that the petitioner is not likely to comply with the terms and conditions of the H-1B petition as the record is inconsistent. The director primarily based this decision on quarterly wage reports that the petitioner provided for the first quarter of 2008. In examining the quarterly wage reports, the director noted that two of the petitioner's H-1B employees did not appear to have been compensated at their respective rates of pay that was stated in their I-129 petitions and [redacted]. Specifically, the first beneficiary was supposed to earn $49,504 per year, but was only paid $6,200 in the first quarter of 2008. The second beneficiary was supposed to earn $60,000 per year, but was only paid $9,344 in the first quarter of 2008.

On appeal, counsel for the petitioner asserts that the wage discrepancies can be explained because both H-1B beneficiaries in question took short unpaid vacations during holidays to visit relatives as well as because of payroll anomalies, namely, that the quarterly wage reports from 2008 actually only reflect six weeks of pay instead of three months because the petitioner has a one month payroll period that runs from the 15th of one month to the 15th of the next month and a new payroll company therefore calculated the first quarter of 2008 as only being six weeks. To support its claim, the petitioner submitted copies of earnings statements for the two beneficiaries. The AAO finds that the evidence submitted by the petitioner is persuasive to the extent that this basis for the director's denial shall be withdrawn.

However, beyond the decision of the director, the AAO concludes that the petitioner's evidence provided in response to the RFE with respect to work to be performed at the third party client site, including the itinerary, which is dated July 10, 2008 (over 3 months after the petition was submitted), constitutes a material change to the petition. The [redacted] and Form I-129, which list the proffered position's location as being at the petitioner's offices in Troy, MI, do not correspond with the documentation provided by the petitioner in response to the RFE that the beneficiary will be subcontracted through another company to a third party client site. The fact that the new worksite location provided in response to the RFE is within normal commuting distance of the initial worksite provided is irrelevant because the issue here is not whether the beneficiary will be paid the prevailing wage, but rather, that the beneficiary will work in a different location on a project not described in the initial petition. The purpose of the request for evidence is to elicit further information that clarifies whether eligibility for the benefit sought has been established. *See* 8 C.F.R. § 103.2(b)(8). When responding to a request for evidence, a petitioner cannot offer a new position to the beneficiary, or materially change a position's title, its level of authority within the organizational hierarchy, or its associated job responsibilities. *See generally Matter of Izummi*, 22 I&N Dec. 169, 176 (Assoc. Comm. 1998). If significant changes are made to the initial request for approval, the petitioner must file a new petition rather than seek approval of a petition that is not supported by the facts in the record. The petitioner must establish eligibility at the time of filing the nonimmigrant visa petition. A visa petition may not be approved at a future date after the petitioner or beneficiary becomes eligible under a new set of facts. *Matter of Michelin Tire Corp.*, 17 I&N Dec. 248 (Reg. Comm. 1978). For this additional reason, the petition cannot be approved.

Finally, the AAO does not need to examine the issue of the beneficiary's qualifications because the petitioner has not provided sufficient documentation to demonstrate that the position is a specialty occupation. In other words, the beneficiary's credentials to perform a particular job are relevant only when the job is found to be a specialty occupation. As discussed in this decision, it cannot be determined what the actual proffered position is in this matter and, therefore, the issue of whether it will require a baccalaureate or higher degree, or its equivalent, in a specific specialty also cannot be determined. Therefore, the AAO need not and will not address the beneficiary's qualifications further. However, the AAO notes that, in any event, the petitioner did not submit an education evaluation either with the petition or in response to the RFE as required for a foreign degree or other sufficient documentation to show that the beneficiary qualifies to perform services in a specialty occupation under 8 C.F.R. § 214.2(h)(4)(iii)(C). The petitioner was put on notice of required evidence and given a reasonable opportunity to provide it for the record before the visa petition was adjudicated. The petitioner failed to submit the requested evidence and now submits it on appeal. However, the AAO will not consider this evidence for any purpose. *See Matter of Soriano*, 19 I&N Dec. 764 (BIA 1988); *Matter of Obaigbena*, 19 I&N Dec. 533 (BIA 1988). The appeal will be adjudicated based on the record of proceeding before the director.

The appeal will be dismissed and the petition denied for the above stated reasons, with each considered as an independent and alternative basis for the decision. In visa petition proceedings, the burden of proving eligibility for the benefit sought remains entirely with the petitioner. Section 291 of the Act, 8 U.S.C. § 1361. Here, that burden has not been met.

ORDER: The appeal is dismissed. The petition is denied.