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DATE: **MAY 15 2014** OFFICE: CALIFORNIA SERVICE CENTER FILE: [Redacted]

IN RE: Petitioner: [Redacted]  
Beneficiary: [Redacted]

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

ON BEHALF OF PETITIONER:

[Redacted]

**INSTRUCTIONS:**

Enclosed please find the decision of the Administrative Appeals Office (AAO) in your case.

This is a non-precedent decision. The AAO does not announce new constructions of law nor establish agency policy through non-precedent decisions.

Thank you,

  
Ron Rosenberg  
Chief, Administrative Appeals Office

**DISCUSSION:** The Director of the California Service Center denied the nonimmigrant visa petition and certified the decision to us at the Administrative Appeals Office. We affirm the director's decision to deny the petition.

The petitioner filed Form I-129, Petition for a Nonimmigrant Worker, with the California Service Center on December 31, 2012. The petitioner is an administrative arm of the [REDACTED]. It seeks to classify the beneficiary as a nonimmigrant religious worker under section 101(a)(15)(R) of the Immigration and Nationality Act (the Act), 8 U.S.C. § 1101(a)(15)(R). The director determined that the petitioner had not submitted required evidence concerning the beneficiary's compensation.

The director denied the petition on March 13, 2014 and certified the decision to us for review. On April 14, 2014, we received a letter from the petitioner's counsel requesting the petition be withdrawn, having been rendered moot by the approval of a subsequent petition. Even if the petitioner had overcome the grounds of ineligibility in this matter, the withdrawal request now renders this particular petition subject to immediate and automatic revocation without prior notice. *See* 8 C.F.R. § 214.2(r)(18)(ii). Therefore, as the petition would be subject to automatic revocation if it were approved, the issues in this proceeding are now moot.

**ORDER:** The director's decision to deny the petition is affirmed.