



**U.S. Citizenship
and Immigration
Services**

**Non-Precedent Decision of the
Administrative Appeals Office**

MATTER OF C-G-S-E-O-

DATE: SEPT. 3, 2015

APPEAL OF CALIFORNIA SERVICE CENTER DECISION

PETITION: FORM I-129, PETITION FOR A NONIMMIGRANT WORKER

The Petitioner, a church, seeks to employ the Beneficiary as a nonimmigrant religious worker to perform services as a Coordinator of Education and Training. *See* 101(a)(15)(R) of the Immigration and Nationality Act (the Act), 8 U.S.C. § 1101(a)(15)(R). The Director, California Service Center, denied the petition, concluding that the Petitioner did not establish that the proffered position is a religious occupation or that the Beneficiary will be performing at least 20 hours of religious work per week. The matter is now before us on appeal. The appeal will be dismissed.

On August 19, 2015, the Petitioner requested that the appeal and petition be cancelled because the job offered is no longer available. The regulation at 8 C.F.R. § 103.2(b)(6), however, indicates that an application or petition may not be withdrawn once a decision is issued by U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services. Nonetheless, as the request to withdraw the original petition was received before the issuance of our decision in this matter, the issues in this proceeding are now moot, and the appeal will be dismissed on this basis.

ORDER: The appeal is dismissed as moot.

Cite as *Matter of C-G-S-E-O-*, ID# 14799 (AAO Sept. 3, 2015)