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IN RE:

Petitioner:

Beneficiary:



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:



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.

Perry Rhew
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Chief, Administrative Appeals Office

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

The petitioner describes itself as a company that engages in software training, development and consulting services that seeks to employ the beneficiary as a programmer analyst. The petitioner, therefore, endeavors to classify the beneficiary 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 because the petitioner failed to establish that the proffered position is a specialty occupation and because the petitioner did not submit an itinerary for the dates and locations of the beneficiary's services.

On April 9, 2009, the petitioner submitted a Form I-290B (Notice of Appeal) without a brief or evidence. Although the petitioner entered a check mark at the box at section 2 of the Form I-290B which indicates that the petitioner would send a brief and/or evidence within 30 days, the AAO has received neither.

An officer to whom an appeal is taken shall summarily dismiss any appeal when the party concerned fails to identify specifically any erroneous conclusion of law or statement of fact for the appeal. 8 C.F.R. § 103.3(a)(1)(v).

The only information about the basis of the appeal is the statement, at section 3 of the Form I-290-B, which reads, verbatim:

- 1) [REDACTED] is a genuine U.S. employer and has an ability to pay for an H-1B visa,
- 2) a specialty occupation is immediately available for a Beneficiary, and
- 3) a Beneficiary qualifies for an offered position. We will submit a brief and supporting documents within 30 days.

The petitioner fails to specify how the director made any erroneous conclusion of law or statement of fact in denying the petition. As the petitioner does not present additional evidence on appeal to overcome the decision of the director, the appeal will be summarily dismissed in accordance with 8 C.F.R. § 103.3(a)(1)(v).

Moreover, a review of U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) records indicates that, subsequent to the filing of the instant petition, another employer filed a Form I-129 petition seeking nonimmigrant H-1B classification on the beneficiary's behalf. USCIS records further indicate that this other employer's petition was approved, which granted the beneficiary H-1B status from May 26, 2009 to March 10, 2011. Therefore, in addition to the decision to summarily dismiss the petition, the AAO finds that further pursuit of the matter is moot.

The burden of proof in this proceeding rests solely with the petitioner. Section 291 of the Act, 8 U.S.C. § 1361. The petitioner has not sustained that burden.

ORDER: The appeal is dismissed.