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FILE: [Redacted] Office: CALIFORNIA SERVICE CENTER Date: MAR 02 2011

IN RE: Petitioner: [Redacted]  
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:

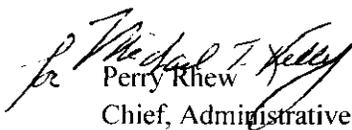


**INSTRUCTIONS:**

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 law was inappropriately applied by us in reaching our decision, or you have additional information that you wish to have considered, you may file a motion to reconsider or a motion to reopen. The specific requirements for filing such a request can be found at 8 C.F.R. § 103.5. 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 \$630. Please be aware that 8 C.F.R. § 103.5(a)(1)(i) requires that any motion must be filed within 30 days of the decision that the motion seeks to reconsider or reopen.

Thank you,

  
Perry Rhew  
Chief, Administrative Appeals Office

**DISCUSSION:** The service center director denied the instant nonimmigrant visa petition and the matter is now before the Administrative Appeals Office on appeal. The appeal will be dismissed as the matter is now moot.

In the Form I-129 visa petition, the petitioner described itself as a software development and consulting firm. To employ the beneficiary in what it designates as a software engineer position, the petitioner endeavors to classify her as a nonimmigrant worker in a specialty occupation 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).

The director denied the petition on April 1, 2009 because she determined that the petitioner failed to demonstrate that it would employ the beneficiary in a specialty occupation and that the evidence of record did not establish that the petitioner would be either (a) a U.S. employer as defined at 8 C.F.R. § 214.2(h)(4)(ii), or (b) a U.S. agent, in accordance with the regulation at 8 C.F.R. § 214.2(h)(2)(i)(F).

On appeal, counsel contended that the director's decision to deny the petition does not accord with the evidence of record and, therefore, should be overturned.

A review of U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) records indicates that on August 2, 2010, subsequent to the denial 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 on November 3, 2010, which granted the beneficiary H-1B status from October 27, 2010 to February 18, 2012. Because the beneficiary in the instant petition has been approved for employment with another petitioner, further pursuit of the matter at hand is moot.

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