



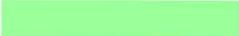
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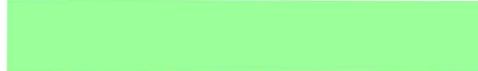


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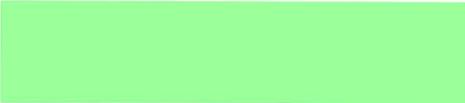
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IN RE: Petitioner:
Beneficiary:



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:

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 AAO inappropriately applied the law in reaching its decision, or you have additional information that you wish to have considered, you may file a motion to reconsider or a motion to reopen in accordance with the instructions on Form I-290B, Notice of Appeal or Motion, with a fee of \$630. The specific requirements for filing such a motion can be found at 8 C.F.R. § 103.5. **Do not file any motion directly with the AAO.** Please be aware that 8 C.F.R. § 103.5(a)(1)(i) requires any motion to be filed within 30 days of the decision that the motion seeks to reconsider or reopen.

Thank you,

Ron Rosenberg
Acting Chief, Administrative Appeals Office

DISCUSSION: The Director, Vermont Service Center, denied the nonimmigrant visa petition, which is now before the Administrative Appeals Office (AAO) on appeal. The appeal will be dismissed.

On the Form I-129 visa petition the petitioner stated that it is a graphic design and imports firm. To continue to employ the beneficiary in what it designates as a graphic designer position, the petitioner endeavors 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 AAO issued a request for evidence, dated November 7, 2012, pertinent to the petitioner's corporate status. The AAO observed that Florida corporate records indicated that the petitioner's corporate status had been administratively dissolved and that the petitioner was no longer a corporation in good standing. The AAO requested evidence that the petitioner had been a corporation in good standing when it filed the instant visa petition, that it has remained so during the interim, that it was so when it filed the instant appeal, and that it remains a corporation in good standing.

The petitioner failed to respond to the AAO's request.

A petition may be summarily denied as abandoned, denied based on the record, or denied for both reasons if a petitioner or applicant fails to respond to a request for evidence or a notice of intent to deny by the required date. 8 C.F.R. § 103.2(b)(13)(i). In the RFE, the AAO specifically alerted the petitioner that failure to respond to the RFE would result in dismissal since the AAO could not substantively adjudicate the appeal without the information requested. The failure to submit requested evidence that precludes a material line of inquiry shall be grounds for denying the petition. See 8 C.F.R. § 103.2(b)(14).

Because the petitioner failed to respond to the RFE, the AAO is dismissing the appeal and summarily denying the petition as abandoned. The remaining issues in this proceeding are thereby moot.

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. The appeal will be dismissed and the petition denied.

ORDER: The appeal is dismissed. The petition is summarily denied as abandoned.