



U.S. Citizenship
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Date: **OCT 18 2012**

Office: CALIFORNIA SERVICE CENTER

FILE: 

IN RE: Petitioner: 
Beneficiary: 

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

ON BEHALF OF PETITIONER:

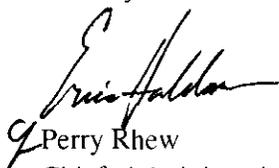
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INSTRUCTIONS:

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 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 request 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 that any motion must be filed within 30 days of the decision that the motion seeks to reconsider or reopen.

Thank you.


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Chief, Administrative Appeals Office

DISCUSSION: The nonimmigrant visa petition was denied by the Director, California Service Center. It then came before the Administrative Appeals Office (AAO) on appeal. On August 14, 2012, this office provided the petitioner with notice of adverse information and afforded the petitioner an opportunity to provide rebuttal evidence.

The petitioner claims to be a corporation organized under the laws of the State of Nevada. It seeks to employ the beneficiary as Director. Accordingly, the petitioner endeavors to classify the beneficiary as a nonimmigrant alien pursuant to section 101(a)(15)(L) of the Immigration and Nationality Act (the Act), 8 U.S.C. § 1101(a)(15)(L).

Pursuant to 8 C.F.R. § 103.2(b)(16)(i), this office notified the petitioner that, according to the records at the Secretary of State of the State of Nevada's website, the petitioner is currently in default status. *See* <<http://nvsos.gov/sosentitysearch/CorpDetails.aspx?lx8nvq=qroROvE2fuol3woWkiKVhQ%253d%253d&nt7=0>> (last accessed October 2, 2012).

This office also notified the petitioner that if it is currently inactive or dissolved, this fact is material to its eligibility for the requested visa. Specifically, the petitioner's inactive status or dissolution raises serious questions about whether it continues to exist as an importing employer, whether the petitioner maintains a qualifying relationship, and whether it is authorized to conduct business in a regular and systematic manner. *See* section 214(c)(1) of the Act; *see also* 8 C.F.R. §§ 214.2(l)(1)(ii)(G) and (l)(3).

This office allowed the petitioner 30 days in which to provide evidence to rebut the finding that the petitioner is inactive or has been dissolved. More than 30 days have passed and the petitioner has failed to respond to this office's request for a certificate of good standing or other proof that the petitioner remains in operation as a viable business. Thus, the appeal will be dismissed as moot.

The AAO conducts appellate review on a *de novo* basis. *See Soltane v. DOJ*, 381 F.3d 143, 145 (3d Cir. 2004). The burden of proof in these proceedings rests solely with the petitioner. Section 291 of the Act, 8 U.S.C. § 1361. The petitioner has not met that burden.

ORDER: The appeal is dismissed as moot.