



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

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

MATTER OF M-, INC.

DATE: OCT. 1, 2015

APPEAL OF CALIFORNIA SERVICE CENTER DECISION

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

The Petitioner, an engineering solutions firm specializing in the construction, erosion protection and soil stabilization sectors, seeks to temporarily employ the Beneficiary as its "Rockfall Mitigation System Technical Specialist" under the L-1B nonimmigrant classification. *See* Immigration and Nationality Act (the Act) § 101(a)(15)(L), 8 U.S.C. § 1101(a)(15)(L). The Director, California Service Center, denied the petition. The matter is now before us on appeal. The appeal will be sustained.

The Director determined that the record did not establish that the Beneficiary possesses specialized knowledge, that he was employed abroad in a position involving specialized knowledge, and that he will be employed in the United States in a specialized knowledge capacity.

On appeal, the Petitioner supplements supplementary evidence and brief disputing the denial and addressing the Director's adverse findings.

We conduct appellate review on a *de novo* basis. *See Soltane v. DOJ*, 381 F.3d 143, 145 (3d Cir. 2004). Upon reviewing the entire record of proceeding as supplemented by the Petitioner's submission on appeal, we conclude that the record now contains sufficient evidence to overcome the basis for the Director's decision.

Specifically, the totality of the evidence now establishes that the Beneficiary possesses specialized knowledge and that he has been employed abroad and would be employed in the United States in a position requiring this specialized knowledge.

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. § 136; *Matter of Otiende*, 26 I&N Dec. 127, 128 (BIA 2013). The Petitioner in the instant case has sustained that burden.

**ORDER:** The appeal is sustained.

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