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FILE: WAC 03 005 50411 Office: CALIFORNIA SERVICE CENTER Date: APR 07 2004

IN RE: Petitioner: [redacted]
Beneficiary:

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

ON BEHALF OF PETITIONER:

[redacted]

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.

Robert P. Wiemann, Director
Administrative Appeals Office

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

The petitioner is a construction company that seeks to employ the beneficiary as a trainee in computer assisted design technology. The petitioner endeavors to classify the beneficiary as a nonimmigrant worker trainee pursuant to section 101(a)(15)(H)(iii) of the Immigration and Nationality Act (the Act), 8 U.S.C. § 1101 (a)(15)(H)(iii). The director denied the petition on the basis that the training has no fixed schedule or means of evaluation. In addition, the director found that the petitioner had not established that the training is unavailable in the beneficiary's home country, or that any productive employment is incidental and necessary to the training.

The Form G-28, Entry of Appearance as Attorney or Representative that was submitted in conjunction with the appeal, appears to have two signatures, and no printed names. The beneficiary's signature was clear, but the second signature was illegible. It appears that the beneficiary, not an authorized representative of the petitioner, signed the Form G-28. Citizenship and Immigration Services (CIS) regulations specifically state that a beneficiary of a visa petition is not a recognized party in a proceeding. 8 C.F.R. § 103.2(a)(3). As the beneficiary is not a recognized party, counsel is not authorized to file an appeal. 8 C.F.R. § 103.3(a)(1)(iii)(B). Accordingly, the AAO will reject the appeal pursuant to 8 C.F.R. § 103.3(a)(2)(v)(A)(1).

ORDER: The appeal is rejected.