

NEWS UPDATE

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Subject: Dept. of State Conducting Telephonic Beneficiary Reviews with Employers

The Department of State (“DOS”) has initiated a pilot program for randomly verifying information related to nonimmigrant beneficiaries and their proposed U.S. employment. DOS has instituted the pilot program under its fraud prevention mandate. DOS, through its Kentucky Consular Center (“KCC”), has designated fifteen (15) contractors to conduct the telephonic beneficiary reviews with their employers. The KCC contractors are authorized to contact the employers, and may request to speak with an authorized official. KCC is most likely to contact employers shortly after a petition is filed. The contractor may ask questions concerning the employer’s nonimmigrant filing, location, incorporation, number of employees, and attorney of record.

If you receive a call from KCC, you should:

1. Request the name of the KCC contractor;
2. Advise the caller that you must confirm the contractor’s credentials before you are authorized to provide any information; and,
3. Contact Counsel with the name of the KCC contractor so that Counsel may confirm the contractor’s legitimacy with DOS.

In light of this development, employer representatives (those who sign documents on behalf of their employer) are reminded to:

- Carefully review nonimmigrant petition documents;
- Ask Counsel any questions you may have regarding the documents before you sign;
- Alert Counsel to any changes that need to be made to documents before you sign; and,
- Regularly update Counsel on any changes in corporate information that occurs.

If you have any questions, email us at contactRS@rudnickspector.com.

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