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## • September 25, 2012

The Department is announcing the implementation of electronic filing in the H-2A and H-2B visa programs through the Department's iCERT Visa Portal System. We believe this new electronic filing capability will enhance the accessibility and quality of labor certification services, reduce the data collection and reporting burden on small employers, facilitate more streamlined business processes, and establish greater transparency in the Department's decisions.

Electronic filing in the H-2B program will begin on **October 15, 2012**. Electronic filing in the H-2A program will begin on **December 10, 2012**. In advance of these implementation dates, the Department will publish a *Federal Register* notice formally announcing implementation of electronic filing, and then conduct four webinar training sessions to orient the public to electronic filing in the H-2A and H-2B programs. To learn more about the implementation of electronic filing, including how to participate in the upcoming webinar training sessions, please click <a href="here">here</a>.

#### • August 16, 2012.

The OFLC PERM, H-2A, H-2B, Prevailing Wage, and H-1B program disclosure data files for Quarter 3 of FY 2012 are now available in CSV format. Click <a href="here">here</a> to access the disclosure files and corresponding record layouts. Historical OFLC program disclosure files for prior fiscal years are available on our Foreign Labor Certification Data Center website at <a href="https://www.flcdatacenter.com">www.flcdatacenter.com</a>.

### August 15, 2012.

A Federal Register notice was published today soliciting comment from the public regarding the merger of two Information Collection Requests (ICR) and the creation of two additional ICRs. OMB control number 1205-0466 contains ETA Form 9141, Application for Prevailing Wage Determination, and ETA Form 9142, Application for Temporary Employment Certification. These forms are set to expire on October 31, 2012. OMB control number 1205-0404 contains the H-2A Certification Letter. This information collection is also set to expire on October 31, 2012. The Department is proposing to separate out the three different ICRs that were formerly all contained in 1205-0466 as well as discontinue 1205-0404 by merging it into the new 1205-0466. Obtain a copy of the notice here. Comments are due by October 15, 2012.

### • August 3, 2012. The Chicago National Processing Center has moved!

The Chicago National Processing Center (CNPC) has a new address. Beginning on August 2, 2012, please direct your hard copy filings for the D-1, H-2A and H-2B programs to the CNPC's new addresses provided below. Please note that the CNPC move does not affect the electronic filing of LCAs but any employer with permission to file by hard copy should direct its LCA filing(s) to the new address.

Please also remember to direct your payments of H-2A labor certification fees to the new P.O. Box address (also listed below).

### For application filings:

U.S. Department of Labor Employment and Training Administration Office of Foreign Labor Certification Chicago National Processing Center 11 West Quincy Court Chicago, IL 60604-2105

# P.O. Box Address for the Receipt of H-2A Related Filing Fees:

U.S. Department of Labor Employment and Training Administration Office of Foreign Labor Certification Chicago National Processing Center PO Box A3804 Chicago, IL 60690-3804

## • July 20, 2012. FY 2012 Selected Statistics by Program.

The Office of Foreign Labor Certification has posted updated program factsheets containing the FY 2012 selected statistics for the:

- o Permanent Labor Certification Program
- o Prevailing Wage Determination Program;
- H-1B Temporary Visa Program:
- o H-2A Temporary Agricultural Visa Program;

## o H-2B Temporary Non-agricultural Visa Program.

The program information included in the factsheets is for the 2012 Fiscal Year to date. The updated program factsheets may also be found on OFLC's Performance Data page.

### • July 18, 2012. OFLC Performance Data.

The OFLC has created a web page from which users can access performance data including Annual Reports, Selected Statistics by Program, and Disclosure Data. To view this page, click here.

## • July 12, 2012.

The U.S. Department of Labor recently reached an agreement resulting in more than \$2.3 million in back wages to temporary foreign agricultural workers. To read this news release, click here.

## • July 9, 2012: ETA-9035 Proposed Amendment.

The Department published a Notice in the Federal Register today announcing a 60-day comment period on its proposed changes to the form ETA-9035. To read the Notice, please click <a href="here">here</a>. To obtain a copy of the form with proposed changes and the supporting documentation please submit your request to <a href="here">ETA.OFLC.Forms@dol.gov</a>, subject line: Revised Form ETA 9035.

Note: Archived H-2A Program News is available at here.

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