

Below are the questions for the **Thursday, November 10, 2016**, NSC Stakeholder teleconference. Topics include:

- * Premium Processing
- * I-140
- * I-129 extensions
- * I-539
- * I-360
- * I-485 EB
- * I-765 riding with EB I-485
- * I-131 riding with EB I-485
- * I-824 as appropriate
- * Waivers as appropriate

I-129

1. For H-1B extensions for same employer filed with NSC's premium processing unit, does NSC also aim to take action within 15 calendar days on H-4 extensions included with these filings? If the H-4 extension includes an I-765 application for employment authorization, is it also the premium processing unit's goal to take action within 15 days on the I-765 application for the H-4 spouse?
2. I am inquiring about guidance for not for profit research centers (doing basic science) that are closely affiliated with institutes of higher learning, including three different universities. My understanding is that this type of research institution is exempt from the cap on H-1B visas. I have not found specific directions on establishing the not for profit as qualifying for the exemption. I would appreciate any advice you might have regarding establishing a research not for profit as exempt from the cap.

I-140

1. As a follow up to NSC's response regarding I-140 EB-1 multinational manager and executive petition processing times in the August 11, 2016 stakeholder call, can NSC provide an update on the backlog in this category and NSC's stated processing goal of 5 months? The most recent processing times report indicated NSC was processing cases filed on November 2, 2015 or earlier.
2. As a follow up to NSC's response regarding AACRAO Edge's recommendation that a Provisional Degree Certificate should be accepted as evidence of completion of all degree requirements in the August 11, 2016 stakeholder call, has NSC received further guidance from USCIS Headquarters on this issue?

3. In a case where the original Labor Certification has been misplaced, current information requires the petitioner to send the I-140 visa petition together with a request to USCIS that they ask the Labor Department to issue duplicate Labor Certification. Is that correct? If so, how long does it take for USCIS to obtain the duplicate Labor Certification? How does the petitioner get updated status of the request?

G-28

1. CSC, TSC and VSC's PP unit representatives will speak to paralegals regarding case inquiry, but NSC's PP unit is different. NSC's PP unit representative will only talk to the attorney on record not his/her paralegal when initiating an inquiry with the service center's PP unit. Could NSC's PP unit relax its procedure in this matter and permit the paralegal to the attorney on record to communicate to the NSC's PP unit representative for status inquiry, correction and etc...?