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Subject: United States Department of Labor ETA - Foreign Labor Certification Website Update

You are subscribed to ETA - Foreign Labor Certification Website for United States Department of Labor. This information has recently been updated, and is now available. Please visit our website <http://www.foreignlaborcert.doleta.gov/> to see What's New.

September 30, 2013. Notice to Stakeholders Regarding Lapse in Appropriates.

The Administration is working very hard to avoid a government shutdown and believes there is sufficient time to avoid such an occurrence; however, prudent management requires the Department to plan for the possibility that it may need to suspend operations should Congress be unable to pass a funding bill by midnight on Monday, September 30, 2013.

OFLC functions are not "excepted" from a shutdown and its employees would be placed in furlough status should a lapse in appropriated funds occur. Consequently, in the event of a government shutdown, OFLC will neither accept nor process any applications or related materials (such as audit responses) it receives, including Labor Condition Applications, Applications for Prevailing Wage Determination, Applications for Temporary Employment Certification, or Applications for Permanent Employment Certification. OFLC's web site, including the iCERT Visa Portal System, would become static and unable to process any requests or allow authorized users to access their online accounts.

The Department has posted to its website information on the potential shutdown that can be accessed [here](#).