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December 23, 2004

Mr. Thomas Esparza, Jr., P.C.
Chairman, Texas AILA Chapter
LaMadrid Building
1811 South First Street
Austin, TX 78704

Dear Mr. Esparza:

The Texas Workforce Commission (Agency) received direction from the U.S. Department of Labor (DOL) on December 6, 2004 to forward no later than December 31, 2004, all unopened cases with receipt dates on or before December 31, 2002. We picked up those case files from our contractor this week. All remaining cases are to be sent to DOL by March 31, 2005.

As you know, Alien Labor Certification is in a period of transition in Texas. The Agency currently has a contract with Enterject, Inc. to process our existing backlog of cases. DOL will be taking over remaining backlog this spring. The Agency's contract with Enterject, Inc. ends on December 29, 2004, and all Alien Labor Certification cases must be returned to the Agency by contract end.

You should send all responses to 45-day correction letters to:

Certified Mail

Texas Workforce Commission
Alien Labor Certification Unit
101 E. 15th St., Room 120T
Austin, Texas 78778

Overnight Courier

Texas Workforce Commission
Alien Labor Certification Unit
1117 Trinity, Room 120T
Austin, Texas 78701

Please note that there may be some delay in our response since we do not currently have possession of all the files. We will work these cases in priority date order until the point that we must relinquish all cases to DOL.

We appreciate your assistance and understanding during this period of transition. The Agency has received many inquiries from attorneys/employers in and out of the state of Texas and has

given them the same information as above. Also, the Agency has received numerous inquiries regarding cases that may have cancelled in error during this transition period. Please assure AILA that the Agency will be doing a thorough review of the cases cancelled during this transition period to ensure that no case was canceled in error.

It is recommended all correspondence be sent by certified mail or alternative mail system that has tracking system.

Should there be any questions regarding this matter, please contact Richard Souder, Program Coordinator, Alien Labor Certification at (800) 252-9924, (512) 463-2332 or e-mail: richard.souder@twc.state.tx.us.

Sincerely,



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Deputy Executive Director

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