

IMPORTANT NOTICE – FEDERAL SUSPENSION OF H-2B VISA PROGRAM

Effective March 5, 2015, the United States Department of Labor will no longer accept or process requests for prevailing wage determinations or applications for temporary labor certification in the H-2B program. As a result, the Vermont Department of Labor can no longer accept or process such job orders under the H-2B program for the purposes of complying with H-2B recruitment requirements. The regulatory authority for state workforce agencies such as the Vermont Department of Labor to accept and process H-2B job orders has been vacated by a federal court ruling and takes effect immediately. Employers who have utilized the H-2B program are encouraged to continue working with the Department of Labor to submit non-H-2B job orders for the purpose of soliciting U.S. workers for their job opportunities. Employers must still submit H-2A job orders through the Vermont Department of Labor.

The Vermont Department of Labor will follow developments at the federal level closely, and inform Vermonters of any updates on the H-2B situation as we become aware of them.