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To Our Foreign Labor Certification Customers and Other Concerned Parties:

On January 3, 2005, the U.S. Department of Labor (USDOL) officially announced the relocation of USDOL Foreign Labor Certification (FLC) staff to the Atlanta and Chicago National Processing Centers. These National Processing Centers will handle permanent labor certification cases filed after March 28, 2005 under the "New Permanent Labor Certification Program." When this new program is implemented, USDOL will assume full responsibility for processing all permanent labor certification applications. All of Michigan's backlogged permanent labor certification applications (filed through March 28, 2005) will be sent to the:

Dallas Backlog Processing Center
700 North Pearl Street, Suite 400N
Dallas, TX 75201
Telephone: (214) 237-9111; Fax: (214) 237-9115

During this transition, Michigan employers should continue to file their FLC applications (temporary and permanent) with the Michigan Department of Labor & Economic Growth, Bureau of Workforce Programs, Alien Labor Certification Section; 3032 W. Grand Boulevard, Suite 9-400, Detroit, MI 48202. After March 28th, all permanent labor certification applications should be filed with the National Processing Center in Chicago:

U.S. Department of Labor, Employment and Training Administration
Foreign Labor Certification, National Processing Center
844 North Rush Street, 12th Floor,
Chicago, IL 60611
Phone: (312) 886-8000; Fax: (312) 886-1688

Once the new program is implemented, we will continue to process, at the state level, temporary labor certification applications (H2-B) and prevailing wage determinations for Michigan employers and/or their attorneys.

Questions regarding the new procedures should be emailed to Washington, DC, at: PERM.DFLC@dol.gov. Questions and answers will be posted at: www.ows.doleta.gov/foreign.

Sincerely,

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