UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE EXECUTIVE OFFICE FOR IMMIGRATION REVIEW OFFICE OF THE CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE HEARING OFFICER

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,)	
Complainant,)	
)	8 U.S.C. § 1324a Proceeding
V.)	OCAHO Case No. 2023A00081
)	
RON'S TEMPORARY HELP SERVICES, INC.,)	
D/B/A RON'S STAFFING SERVICES,)	
Respondent.)	
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Appearances: Matthew Brunkhorst, Esq., and Jill Bhalakia, Esq., for Complainant Eileen Momblanco, Esq., for Respondent

ORDER GRANTING EXTENSION FOR SETTLEMENT OFFICER PROGRAM REFERRAL

On January 30, 2024, the Court referred this case to OCAHO's Settlement Officer Program for a period of sixty days, beginning on February 5, 2024. The Court designated Chief Administrative Law Judge King as the settlement officer in this matter. On April 1, 2024, Chief Judge King requested a 30-day extension to continue the parties' settlement negotiations.

Section II.D.2 of the Policy Memorandum for OCAHO's Settlement Officer Program (PM 20-16) states that, "the settlement officer may, in his or her discretion, seek to extend the time period for negotiations for a reasonable amount of time, not to exceed an additional thirty (30) days." <u>Id</u>. It specifies that the settlement officer shall seek approval of the extension of time from the presiding ALJ, and provides that, "[i]f an extension of the negotiation period is appropriate, the presiding ALJ shall issue an order extending the period of settlement negotiations and specifying whether and to what extent the procedural deadlines in the case continue to be stayed." Id.

The Court finds that a 30-day extension of time is reasonable and appropriate in this case.

IT IS SO ORDERED that the request for an extension of time is GRANTED, and this

case's	referral t	to OCA	AHO's	Settleme	ent O	fficer	Program	is	extended	for	an	additional	30-day
period.	All dead	dlines i	n this n	natter are	e STA	AYED	until the	exp	piration of	the	pro	gram.	

SO ORDERED.

Dated and entered on April 1, 2024.

Honorable John A. Henderson Administrative Law Judge