

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

April 1, 2024

EFRAIN INOCENCIO VEGA,)	
Complainant,)	
)	
v.)	8 U.S.C. § 1324b Proceeding
)	OCAHO Case No. 2023B00083
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BFS ASSET HOLDINGS LLC,)	
Respondent.)	
_____)	

Appearances: Cassandra Blake, Esq., Jamie Trinkle, Esq., and David Henretty, Esq. for Complainant
Jennifer Roeper, Esq. and Stephanie C. Generotti, Esq., for Respondent

SECOND ORDER EXTENDING SETTLEMENT OFFICER PERIOD

This case arises under the antidiscrimination provisions of the Immigration and Nationality Act (INA), as amended, 8 U.S.C. § 1324b. On August 22, 2023, Complainant Efrain Inocencio Vega filed a complaint with the Office of the Chief Administrative Hearing Officer (OCAHO) asserting a claim of unfair documentary practices arising under 8 U.S.C. § 1324b against Respondent BFS Asset Holdings, LLC.

On January 4, 2024, this Court referred this case to OCAHO’s Settlement Officer Program, pursuant to Policy Memorandum 20-16, for 60 days, to begin January 15, 2024, and end March 15, 2024.¹ The Court designated Administrative Law Judge (ALJ) John Henderson as the settlement officer in this matter. On March 18, 2024, with the consent of the parties, ALJ Henderson requested a 14-day extension to continue the parties’ settlement negotiations, which was granted.

¹ <https://www.justice.gov/eoir/page/file/1300746/download>

On April 1, 2024, Judge Henderson requested an additional seven-day extension. The Court finds that a 7-day extension of time for settlement negotiations is reasonable and appropriate in this case. *See* Section II.D.2 of the Policy Memorandum 20-16. Accordingly, the settlement officer's request for a 7-day extension of time is GRANTED. This case's referral to OCAHO's Settlement Officer Program is extended until April 8, 2024. All deadlines in this matter are stayed until the expiration of the settlement program.

Should the parties reach a settlement, the parties shall inform the undersigned of such settlement through a filing that requests dismissal of the case, *see* 28 C.F.R. § 68.14(a)(2).

SO ORDERED.

Dated and entered on April 1, 2024.

Honorable Jean C. King
Chief Administrative Law Judge