

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. 2024A00131
)	
RELIABLE SOFTWARE RESOURCES, INC.,)	
Respondent.)	
)	

Appearances: Theresa M. Bross, Esq., for Complainant
Frank C. Kerr, Esq., for Respondent

ORDER SUMMARIZING PREHEARING CONFERENCE
AND REFERRING CASE TO SETTLEMENT OFFICER PROGRAM

This case arises under the employer sanctions provisions of the Immigration and Nationality Act, as amended, 8 U.S.C. § 1324a. On September 25, 2024, Complainant, the United States Department of Homeland Security, Immigration and Customs Enforcement, filed a complaint with the Office of the Chief Administrative Hearing Officer (OCAHO) against Respondent, Reliable Software Resources, Inc. On November 4, 2024, Respondent filed its Answer and Affirmative Defenses.

On January 6, 2025, the Court held an initial telephonic prehearing conference with the parties. During the conference, the parties indicated their willingness to participate in OCAHO's Settlement Officer Program and later filed a Joint Request for Referral to the Settlement Officer Program.¹ As a result, the Court finds referral of this case to the Settlement Officer Program appropriate. The Court therefore ORDERS that the matter be referred to the Settlement Officer Program for a period of 60 days, beginning on February 3, 2025, and continuing through April 4, 2025.

¹ Office of the Director, Policy Memorandum 20-16, Section II.A.1 (Aug. 3, 2020) ("The presiding ALJ may refer a case to a settlement officer upon receipt of written confirmation of consent to referral from each party in the case and, subject to 5 U.S.C. § 572(b) and Section I.C.3 of this PM, determination by the presiding ALJ that this case is appropriate for referral.").

The Court designates the Honorable Jean King as the Settlement Officer for this case. Should the parties reach a settlement, they shall inform the undersigned of such settlement and provide the appropriate filing. *See* 28 C.F.R. § 68.14.²

During the referral period, these proceedings will be stayed. Should the parties feel an extension of the referral period would be beneficial, they may seek an extension of up to 30 days by notifying the settlement officer, who will in turn request approval by the undersigned.³

SO ORDERED.

Dated and entered on January 30, 2025.

Honorable John A. Henderson
Administrative Law Judge

² OCAHO Rules of Practice and Procedure, 28 C.F.R. pt. 68 (2024).

³ Policy Memorandum 20-16, Section II.D.2.