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U.S. Department of Labor Inspector General Leads On-the-Ground Crackdown on H-1B Visa Fraud in Dallas—Advancing the Nationwide Initiative

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WASHINGTON— Anthony P. D’Esposito, Inspector General of the U.S. Department of Labor (DOL), traveled to Dallas, Texas this week to meet with the DOL Office of Inspector General (OIG) regional offices of audit and investigations, and advance the ongoing nationwide probe into H-1B visa fraud.

During the visit, the Inspector General conducted field checks at several locations tied to companies that have received hundreds of approved H-1B petitions. At one multi-story building housing numerous businesses linked to more than 500 approved H-1B applications, door-to-door inquiries were carried out. Many of the offices showed clear signs of inactivity: doors locked, lights off, and little to no evidence of active business operations.

“We are sending a clear message: fraud in our foreign labor programs will not be tolerated,” **said Anthony P. D’Esposito, Inspector General, U.S. Department of Labor.** “This investigation goes beyond paperwork—it’s about safeguarding the integrity of our system and ensuring American workers remain the priority. When the system is abused, hardworking Americans pay the price. We will not stand by while jobs are taken from Americans and H-1B fraud fuels criminal enterprises. Thanks to the dedication of our investigators and auditors, we are actively responding to every hotline complaint, pursuing every lead, and holding offenders accountable.”

This effort builds on the broader initiative to combat foreign labor visa fraud, announced by the DOL OIG in July, in coordination with President Donald Trump and Vice President J.D.

Vance's White House Task Force to Eliminate Fraud. Through aggressive interagency collaboration and executive support, the initiative is designed to eliminate vulnerabilities, prosecute offenders, and ensure American workers are not disadvantaged by fraudulent activity.

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