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ENSURING COMPLIANCE WITH THE GLOBAL GIG ECONOMY

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United States of America / Unemployment rate

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New Challenges in the War on Talent

- Low Unemployment Rates
- Advances in Technology
- Global Demand



Source: August 2017, Bureau of Labor Statistics, eurostat

HIRING OPTIONS

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Employee

Needs legal structure (Subsidiary, Branch) Professional Employer Organization (PEO)

Contractor

Permanent Establishment (PE) Employment Risks

CONSIDERATIONS

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Objectives

Sales Research & Development Service Delivery Merger & Acquisition Other



Headcount/Functions

Small Footprint Large Footprint



Speed To Hire

Incorporation/Registration Bank Accounts Employment Contracts Benefits



Risk Mitigation

Permanent Establishment Employment Law Immigration

EMERGENCE OF A NEW WAY OF WORK

Create Talent Channels For The Future | Enable A Flexible Workforce

➢ Fire

Fish the entire talent pool; regardless of engagement type



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Retain baby boomer knowledge & millennial skill sets that might prefer the flexibility of contingent engagements

 Gain workforce flexibility to match the speed of innovation
 & volatility of business cycles



THE "JOINT EMPLOYER" DOCTRINE

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- Legal theory is not new; attention and expansive interpretation it is now getting is new
- "Joint employment" exists when a person is employed by two or more otherwise separate entities
- "Joint employers" may be held individually and jointly liable for compliance with state, federal and local laws





- Multifactor Tests
- Contract doesn't control the facts of the situation control
- Similar factors across jurisdictions, even internationally Control Economic (in)dependence

COMPLIANCE CHALLENGES – WHAT IS THE RISK?

Inside the United States

- Backpay and overtime
- Back tax witholdings
- Back unemployment compensation & workers compensation premiums
- Back benefits
- Back social security contributions

Outside the United States

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- Severance pay
- Notice pay
- Unfair employment termination liability
- Misclassification "fines"



- On June 7, 2017, the DOL withdrew two Wage and Hour Administrator's Interpretations (AIs) on joint employment and independent contractors.
 - Administrator's Interpretation No. 2016-01 (Jan. 2016): expanded standards for joint employment liability under the federal Fair Labor Standards Act (FLSA) and the Migrant and Seasonal Agricultural Worker Protection Act (MSPA).
 - Administrator's Interpretation No. 2015-1 (July 2015): "most workers are employees under the FLSA's broad definitions." Essentially created a presumption of employment for workers.
- Current administration is taking steps to rein in the expansive interpretation of "employment" that has evolved in recent years

 Introduced to the House in July 2017, and approved by the Committee on Education & the Workforce

SAVE LOCAL BUSINESS ACT (H.R. 3441)

- The Act seeks to amend the NLRA and the FLSA to provide that an entity may be considered a joint employer only if it "directly, actually, and immediately, and not in a limited and routine manner, exercises significant control over the essential terms and conditions of employment."
 - The Act provides the following examples of the essential terms and conditions of employment:
 - "hiring employees, discharging employees, determining individual employee rates of pay and benefits, day-to-day supervision of employees, assigning individual work schedules, positions, and tasks, and administering employee discipline."

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H-1Bs UNDER HEIGHTENED SCRUTINY WHEN CONTINGENT WORKERS INVOLVED

 USCIS memo re more targeted approach when doing site visits on three types of firms:

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- companies with a high ratio of H-1B workers,
- those where the USCIS cannot validate basic business information, and
- "employers petitioning for H-1B workers who work off-site at another company or organization's location."

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Current Overseas Hiring Set-Up

- What you can do
- What you *can't* do

Considerations in Permanent Establishment (P.E.)

- Distribution license
- Inventory needs

Anticipating Gaps

- What is your current level of expertise
- What is the limit of your current resources

INDEPENDENT CONTRACTOR





Avoids setting up an entity No bank account needed Temporary Solution

Increases compliance risk Limits the talent pool Misclassification woes Contractors may use this to negotiate payouts





Hire the employee through the PEO's local entity



Locally compliant employment contract













Local compliance



Assign services back to the Client, so employee "walks and talks" like the Client's employee



- Lack of due diligence with respect to potential business partners
- Written agreements that reserve more control than necessary with respect to terms and conditions of employment
- Lack of training and auditing of "on the ground" practices and supervision
- Nature of work performed/interaction with "regular" employees
- Management overlap/shared services/procedures

WHY PEO?







THE RIGHT FIT FOR YOU

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First steps/test the market "Surprise Hires" Long-term low volume countries Alternative to contractors

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Fast growth Large headcount Tax strategy/benefits Outgrown PEO model

SETTING UP PEO



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Benefits

- Hire employees in days
- Ready to hire as soon as you finalize candidate, access to larger talent pool, no contractor liabilities
- Intellectual Property protected
- No issues with employees not paying taxes

Not the best solution for hiring a large number of people in a specific country

THE EMERGENCE OF A NEW WAY OF WORK

Create Talent Channels For The Future | Enable A Flexible Workforce

Visibility	Spend	Compliance
Building a Foundation	To Create	To Enable
 Centralized ownership 	Visibility Transparency	Multi-channel talent sourcing
 Focused strategy 	Spend governance	Integrated workforce planning
✓ VMS MSP	Compliance risk reduction	
 Global standards 	Workforce planning	

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Build a business case; immense change management

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