



Solving America's  
Immigration Problems  
One Employer and  
One Worker at a Time

## FEWA HISTORY

As a member of FEWA, you are part of a tradition of history and service of associations. FEWA is an outgrowth of the National Association of H-2B Users (NAH2BU). In 1998, a few H-2B users banded together to unite for a common cause, a temporary, seasonal migrant worker program that worked. The main purpose was to lobby the National and Regional offices of the USDOL, INS, and elected officials. The earliest members were Duane Keesen of Colorado, Chuck Twist of Oklahoma, Mark Borst and Joe Palimeno of New Jersey, and Scott Evans of Texas. The dues were \$25.00 per year, and volunteers ran the association. At one point, there were 236 member-companies.

**November 16, 2001:** The National Association of H-2B Users (NAH-2BU) minutes state, users seek to further their goal of continuing the Federal H-2B program, improving the H-2B program, and expanding the H-2B program. The association also realizes that there are many more to be addressed outside the original NAH-2BU organizational goals. Therefore, a new association is needed.

**December 28, 2001:** The official name Federation of Employers and Workers of America is adopted, and Scott Evans is selected as the first Association Executive/President.

**February 7, 2003:** FEWA receives the official Certificate of Incorporation approval

**July 10, 2003:** FEWA receives official approval from the IRS for not-for-profit status as a 501(c)(6) organization.

**October 22, 2004:** FEWA Foundation receives official approval from the IRS for not-for-profit status as a 501(c)(3) organization.

**December 28, 2005:** FEWA purchases the current National office building.

**June 27, 2007:** Expansion of the current FEWA National office building is completed.