



November 4, 2009

## Meeting Invitation

**TO:** USCIS National Stakeholders

**FROM:** U.S. Citizenship & Immigration Services, Office of Public Engagement

**SUBJECT:** Meeting to Discuss External Data Interface Standards (EDIS)

**DATE:** **November 19, 2009 @ 1:00pm**

The USCIS Office of Public Engagement cordially invites you to the first of a series of collaboration sessions to discuss External Data Interface Standards (EDIS), which are the set of technical standards required to successfully transfer benefit request data from a third party system to USCIS. In addition to the web-based portal, USCIS plans to implement a new method that transfers benefit requests data directly through a system-to-system interface. This is part of the Agency's broader Transformation effort, which will ultimately create a more transparent, efficient and customer focused organization.

Participants of the EDIS Exchange Meeting will:

- Provide feedback regarding collaborative development of the interface message technical specifications, which will be based on XML standards, for the new system-to-system e-Filing interface
- Provide feedback on draft system interface business requirements
- Discuss the role of stakeholders in the development of these standards and the plan moving forward

While this meeting is open to the public, technical representatives are strongly encouraged to attend and provide feedback.

Please join us on:

Thursday, November 19, 2009 at 1:00pm  
Director's Conference Room  
20 Massachusetts Avenue, Northwest  
Washington, DC

There are two ways to attend this meeting:

**In person** – please provide your full name and the organization you represent to Mary Herrmann, at [mary.herrmann@dhs.gov](mailto:mary.herrmann@dhs.gov) or (202) 272-1213 by COB Tuesday, November 17<sup>th</sup>.

Be sure to arrive at least 15 minutes early to allow extra time to be processed through security and bring a photo I.D.

**Via telephone** – call-in information will be provided when you respond. Please provide your full name and the organization you represent to Mary Herrmann, at [mary.herrmann@dhs.gov](mailto:mary.herrmann@dhs.gov) by COB Tuesday, November 17<sup>th</sup>.

We look forward to seeing you!