



Agenda

EXTERNAL DATA INTERFACE STANDARDS (EDIS) COLLABORATION SESSION

*March 22, 2010
2:00 – 4:00 pm EDT*

*USCIS
633 3rd St NW
Washington, DC*

Summary

This is the third of the 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.

Topics of Discussion

- I. Welcome and Opening Remarks**
- II. Follow-up to Questions from the Last Session**
- III. Understanding the Concept of Immigration Accounts**
- IV. Understanding the EDIS IEPD Exchange Model**
- V. Input Requested on Electronic Signatures**
- VI. Closing**

EDIS Background

External Data Interface Standards (EDIS) 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. EDIS Exchanges are a series of collaboration sessions hosted by USCIS to discuss with and gather input from stakeholders regarding EDIS.

Meeting Objectives:

- To ensure the open ended questions from the previous sessions are addressed;
- To understand the concept of immigration accounts;
- To better understand the EDIS IEPD Exchange Model; and
- To gather input on the stakeholders' experience with electronic signatures and how it may be handled with this interface.

The initial EDIS Exchange, held in November 2009, introduced the initiative and provided information on what is planned. For background information on EDIS and previous meeting notes, please visit [USCIS Public Engagement National Events](#).

Future monthly EDIS Exchanges are scheduled to occur on the following dates in Washington, D.C., beginning at 2pm EST:

- Wednesday, April 21st
- Wednesday, May 19th

These dates are subject to change. Additional details for each meeting, including topics to be discussed, will be published monthly.

If you have specific questions regarding EDIS, please send them to Transform.EDIS@DHS.gov.