



Meeting Invitation



USCIS Transformation: Proposed Rule for Mandatory E-Filing

Friday, April 8, 2011 @ 2:00PM

Tomich Center

111 Massachusetts Ave, NW

Washington, DC 20529

The USCIS Office of Transformation Coordination and the Office of Public Engagement invite any interested parties to participate in a session regarding mandatory electronic filing of applications and petitions for immigration benefits.

USCIS is undertaking an agency-wide initiative to move immigration services from a paper-based system to a new electronic, account-based system that uses improved technologies and re-designed business processes. Over the next several years, USCIS will deploy a simplified, web-based system that will allow customers to submit and track their applications and enhance USCIS's ability to process cases with greater precision, security, and timeliness.

We are evaluating how e-filing will allow USCIS to accomplish its mission most efficiently and effectively. We are also considering how e-filing can be achieved without placing undue burden on potential applicants and petitioners who might be discouraged from seeking benefits for which they may be eligible.

We are particularly interested in hearing from stakeholders about the impacts or difficulties that mandatory e-filing would cause. Thus, USCIS would like to engage individuals on the following questions:

- How would a proposed Rule on mandatory e-filing impact different populations or entities?
- How would a proposed Rule on mandatory e-filing impact applicants for different benefit types?
- What assistance would affected populations need to be able to e-file?
- How much transition time would affected populations need to shift from paper filing to a mandatory e-filing system?
- If USCIS should consider exceptions to mandatory e-filing, what particular populations or entities should be allowed to file paper?

For background information on Transformation and notes from previous sessions and stakeholder roundtables, please visit www.uscis.gov/transformation.

To Participate in the Session

Any interested parties may participate in this event in person or by telephone. All participants must respond to this invitation. Please contact the Office of Public Engagement at public.engagement@dhs.gov by **Wednesday, March 30**, and reference the following in the subject line of your email:

- If you plan to attend in person, please reference "Transformation – In Person"
- If you plan to attend by phone, please reference "Transformation – Phone"

Please also include your full name and the organization you represent, if any, in the body of the email.

We hope you will be able to join in this important discussion and look forward to engaging with you!