



U.S. Citizenship
and Immigration
Services

Stakeholder Feedback Session Invitation



Russian Adoptions Pre-Processing Engagement
Wednesday, November 7, 2012 @ 9:30 a.m. (Eastern)

U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) and Department of State invite interested parties to participate in a stakeholder listening session concerning the pre-adoption processing provision of the [U.S.-Russian Adoption Agreement](#). The engagement will take place on **Wednesday, November 7, 2012, from 9:30– 10:30 a.m. (Eastern)**.

The U.S.-Russian Adoption Agreement entered into force Thursday, November 1, 2012. However, we do not anticipate that the pre-adoption processing provision will take effect until on or after March 1, 2013. As we prepare to implement this provision, USCIS seeks stakeholder feedback on topics such as:

- In-country timelines associated with Russian adoptions;
- Where in the Russian adoption process a USCIS pre-adoption review might best fit;
- Issues USCIS should take into consideration; and
- How to mitigate possible difficulties.

USCIS and Department of State [previously held an engagement](#) that explained the provisions of the Agreement and how it would affect Russian adoptions processing going forward. We would now like to give stakeholders the opportunity to share their thoughts on how pre-adoption processing might work in the future so we can take these factors into account when designing this new process. If you are unable to participate in this engagement, please feel to email your suggestions for pre-adoption processing under the U.S.- Russian Adoption agreement to Public.Engagement@uscis.dhs.gov.

Answers to your frequently asked questions about the U.S.-Russian Adoption Agreement can be found by clicking [here](#).

To Participate in the Session

Please email the Public Engagement Division no later than Tuesday, November 6, 2012, at Public.Engagement@uscis.dhs.gov and reference “Russian Adoptions” in the subject line of your email.

To Join the Session

On the day of the engagement please use the information below to join the session by phone. We recommend calling 10 minutes before the start of the teleconference.

Toll Free Call-In Number: 1-888-566-6170

Toll Number for Outside the U.S.: 1-517-623-4003

Passcode: Adoption

We look forward to engaging with you!