



Agenda

EXTERNAL DATA INTERFACE STANDARDS (EDIS) COLLABORATION SESSION

January 20, 2010

2:00 – 4:00 pm EST

Summary

This is the second 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 Introductions**
- II. Overview of Transformation**
- III. EDIS Program Details and Schedule**
- IV. Stakeholder Roles, Participation and Help**
- V. E-Filing Business Requirements**
- VI. Interconnection Security Agreement (ISA)**
- VII. Initial Discussion of Domain Model & NIEM XML Schema**
- VIII. Questions and Answers**
- IX. 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.

USCIS will host monthly EDIS Exchange collaboration sessions. The objective of these monthly meetings is to engage and collect input from EDIS stakeholders throughout the development of these technical requirements. Each monthly meeting will focus on a small set of technical and programmatic topics in which USCIS needs stakeholder input, ranging from business rules, security and detailed data requirements to a thorough review of the finished product, formatted as a NIEM.gov compliant “Interface Exchange Package Document” (IEPD). 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:

- Thursday, February 18th
- Monday, March 22nd
- 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.