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Humanitarian, Adjustment, Removing Conditions, and Travel Documents (HART) Service Center

Quarterly Briefing



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REMINDERS



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- Submit written questions through the “Q&A” box on the right side of your screen.

OVERVIEW



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HART is the 6th Service Center within SCOPS and has been adjudicating since January 29, 2023.

Total Center size will be 480 employees

- 100% virtual Service Center
- No geographical location
- Across multiple time zones
- Utilize existing Service Centers for support within a hybrid approach

OVERVIEW (cont.)



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Currently, the HART Service Center exclusively processes the following case types:

- **Form I-360 VAWA** (Petition for Amerasian, Widow(er), or Special Immigrant) based on Violence Against Women Act
- **Form I-601A** (Application for Provisional Unlawful Presence Waiver)
- **Form I-730** (Refugee/Asylee Relative Petition)
- **Form I-918** BFD (U Visa Bona Fide Determination)

ACCOMPLISHMENTS



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As of August 30, 2023

- **279** employees have fully onboarded at the HART Service Center.
- **131** officers have completed training on one or more form types adjudicated at the HART Service Center.
- **Over 51,000** adjudications have been completed by HART Service Center officers.

UPDATES



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All Forms I-730 are now filed with the Texas Service Center. (*January*)

Safe Mailing Addresses and handling procedures for protected persons updated. (*April*)

USCIS published a processing time for the asylum-based Form I-730. (*August*)

UPDATES (cont.)



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Newly filed Form I-601As are now data entered at the Lockbox and then scanned.

Removed geographic limitations to HART Service Center form adjudications.

Improved customer service and employee efficiency resulting from implementation of recommended processing changes.

OUTREACH



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We have hosted **external engagements**, including briefings with congressional offices, the CIS Ombudsman, and stakeholders.

Internal communications, including town halls and an employee newsletter, have been established.

TRAINING



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HART Service Center officer training includes dynamics of domestic violence and trauma-informed, survivor-centered practices.

Officers only begin adjudicating once they are fully trained and certified, following the same process at all Centers.

ADJUDICATIONS



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- HART inherited the existing workloads for all form types it currently processes.
- Cases are generally adjudicated in a first-in, first-out basis.
- All HART form types are of equal priority.
- HART **does** adjudicate all ancillary form types filed concurrently.
- HART exclusively processes all applications, paper and electronic.
- Existing designators will continue to be used (i.e., YSC, SRC, LIN, EAC).

PROCESSING TIMES



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- Processing times for the asylum-based Form I-730 were published on August 23, 2023.
- USCIS anticipates processing times will be available online for all HART form types in the next fiscal year.
- Historical processing times data by form type/fiscal year can be found on our website at: <https://egov.uscis.gov/processing-times/historic-pt>

CUSTOMER SERVICE



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- Stakeholders will continue to use existing channels.
- Attorneys and accredited representatives will send inquiries to the same email boxes they have historically used.

Reminder: Address changes for VAWA-based Form I-360 and Form I-918 Bona Fide Determination will continue to be sent to the Vermont Service Center's physical address.

LIVE Q&A



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We want to hear from you!

- Please submit your question in the Q&A box.
- We cannot address case-specific questions.

RESOURCES



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Service Center Operations: <https://www.uscis.gov/about-us/organization/directorates-and-program-offices/service-center-operations-directorate>

Inquiry Process: <https://www.uscis.gov/about-us/contact-us>

Check Case Status: <https://egov.uscis.gov/>

Lockbox and Service Center Filing Location Updates:
<https://www.uscis.gov/forms/lockbox-and-service-center-filing-location-updates>

CONCLUDING REMARKS



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