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Press Release

CHICAGO USCIS OFFICE MOVES TO NEW LOCATION

Provides Public with a State-of-the-Art Facility

CHICAGO – After serving the public at 10 West Jackson Boulevard, the Chicago District Office of U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) moved to a new location on August 25, 2006. This new state-of-the-art facility, located at 101 West Congress Parkway, is a prime example of USCIS' national goal of “transforming” into a more secure, efficient and customer friendly agency.

The new office on Congress Parkway consolidates services under one roof with approximately 200,000 square feet of dynamic office space. The design boasts spacious public waiting areas and an auditorium for naturalization ceremonies and other events. This innovative space is consistent with the agency's mission of investing in its people and infrastructure in order to more effectively process low risk applications, and better identify high risk individuals.

“We are very excited about our new facility,” said Ruth Dorochoff, Chicago District Director. “The new building is spacious and aesthetically pleasing. We help more than 1,000 visitors each day, and this new location will provide a very comfortable and welcoming atmosphere for them, as well as a wonderful work environment for our employees.”

The office is centrally located in downtown Chicago (only a few blocks from the current location) and is accessible by public transportation. A Blue Line stop is located at Clark and Congress, and is also served by CTA buses and Metra trains to suburban communities.

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On March 1, 2003, U.S Citizenship and Immigration Services became one of three legacy INS components to join the U.S. Department of Homeland Security. USCIS is charged with fundamentally transforming and improving the delivery of immigration and citizenship services, while enhancing the integrity of our nation's security.