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Press Release

TRACY THOMPSON TO LEAD USCIS HQ OFFICE

Appointment as Chief of Equal Opportunity and Inclusion Demonstrates USCIS' Commitment to Organizational Excellence

Washington, D.C. – U.S Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) Director Emilio Gonzalez announced today the appointment of Tracy Thompson as the agency's Chief of Equal Opportunity and Inclusion.

Prior to joining USCIS, Tracy served for five years as the Equal Employment Opportunity Officer for the United States Fish and Wildlife Service. During her tenure with Fish and Wildlife, she significantly reduced the processing time for EEO cases, ensured all employees were trained in accordance with *No Fear Act* requirements and authored documents related to computer-based training modules and policies such as the zero tolerance and inclusion, reasonable accommodation and anti-harassment. Prior to that assignment, Tracy worked in both the Milwaukee and Los Angeles offices of the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission (EEOC).

A graduate of University of Wisconsin Law School, Ms. Thompson holds a Bachelor of Arts Degree in Criminal Justice.

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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 our nation's security.