



News Release

PROVEN EMPLOYMENT VERIFICATION TOOL ATTRACTS MORE THAN 10,000 U.S. EMPLOYERS

Record Numbers Now Using the Basic Pilot Employment Verification Program

Washington, D.C.– U.S Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) today announced that more than 10,000 U.S. employers are now participating in the Basic Pilot Employment Verification Program. The program allows employers to remove the guesswork involved with the hiring process by running online employment authorization checks against Social Security Administration and DHS databases.

“Participation in the Employment Verification Program is the solution for businesses committed to maintaining a legal workforce,” said USCIS Director Emilio Gonzalez. “Through the program, DHS is providing employers with information needed to ensure their newly hired employees are fully eligible to work in the United States. In the process, we’re protecting jobs for authorized U.S. workers.”

Participation in this free program has more than doubled during the first three quarters of this fiscal year. Nearly 200 new employers are joining the Employment Verification Program each month. These businesses are verifying the work authorization of more than one-million new hires a year at 36,000 hiring sites across the United States.

Employers can register for the Employment Verification Program on-line at <https://www.vis-dhs.com/EmployerRegistration>. Additional information for employers about the program is available by calling 202-272-8720 or visiting www.uscis.gov.

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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.