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# Presentation Outline

- Overview of the U.S. Department of Homeland Security
- Temporary Worker Programs
  - Past
  - Present
  - Future
- Update on Pending Immigration Reform



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# “9/11”

- The Homeland Security Act of 2002 (Public Law 107-296)
- U.S. Department of Homeland Security
  - 180,000 Employees
  - 22 Agencies/Components
- Immigration Jurisdiction
  - U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS)
  - Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE)
  - Customs and Border Protection (CBP)



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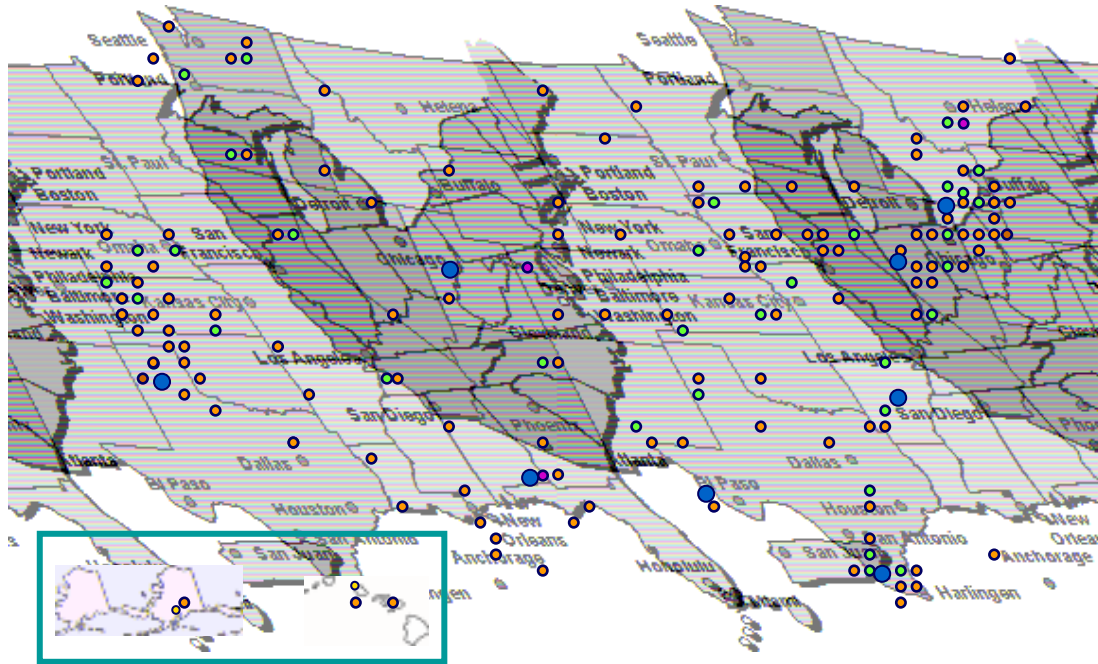
# U.S. Department of Homeland Security

- Homeland Security Act separated the enforcement and benefits functions of INS
- USCIS – Immigration Services
- Immigration and Customs Enforcement – Investigations, Detention and Removal, SEVIS, Humanitarian Parole
- Customs and Border Protection – Inspections, Border Patrol
- DHS – US VISIT, Immigration Policy, Visa Policy



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# USCIS Services and Benefits



- |                   |                               |
|-------------------|-------------------------------|
| ● Districts       | ● Application Support Centers |
| ● Sub Offices     | ● Asylum Offices              |
| ● Service Centers | ● Customer Service Centers    |



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## Functions

- Naturalization
- Permanent Residence
- Temporary Workers
- Employment Authorization
- Asylum
- Customer Information
- Legal Services

## FY 2005 Workload

Applications – 6,310,617

- Naturalizations – 602,972
- Employment Cards – 1,744,961

Phone Inquiries – 21,300,000

Asylum Cases Filed – 59,826

**“... we remain ever mindful of our responsibility to honor our historic traditions of welcoming lawful immigrants and we support that ideal by keeping America’s doors open, but well guarded”.**

**Emilio T. Gonzalez**

**Director**

**U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services**

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# USCIS Priorities

- *Enhancing National Security*
- *Eliminating the Backlog*  
*(6 months or less)*
- *Improving Customer Service*



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# USCIS Organization

## HQ Domestic Operations

3 Regions

33 Districts

130 Application Support Centers

National Benefits Center

4 Service Centers

Call Centers

## HQ International Operations

8 Asylum Offices

Refugee Corps

3 International District Offices



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# USCIS Overseas Offices

Map of USCIS Overseas Operations



• USCIS International District Offices are highlighted.

## Functions

### Benefits

- Applications
- Refugee Processing
- Adoptions
- Military Naturalization

## FY 2005 Workload

- Benefits – 43,000
- Refugee Processing
  - Interviewed – 66,000
  - Admitted – 53,800
- Adoptions – 22,700



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# Daily Agency Statistics

## Today, and each business day, USCIS will:

- ✓ Process 140,000 national security background checks;
- ✓ Receive 135,000 web hits;
- ✓ Take 50,000 calls at four National Customer Service Centers;
- ✓ Adjudicate 30,000 applications for an immigration benefit;
- ✓ See 25,000 visitors at 92 district offices;
- ✓ Issue 7,000 green cards;
- ✓ Capture 8,000 sets of fingerprints at 130 Application Support Centers;
- ✓ Welcome 3,000 newly naturalized citizens;
- ✓ Greet 200 refugees; and
- ✓ Help American parents adopt 80 foreign children.



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# Office of Policy and Strategy – An Office Mandated by Statute

## **Homeland Security Act of 2002 [Public Law No. 107-296] Section 451 (c) states:**

“There shall be a position of Chief of Policy and Strategy for the Bureau of Citizenship and Immigration Services.

“In consultation with Bureau of Citizenship and Immigration Services personnel in field offices, the Chief of Policy and Strategy shall be responsible for:

- “Making policy recommendations and performing policy research and analysis on immigration services issues; and
- “Coordinating immigration policy issues with the Chief of Policy and Strategy for the Bureau of Border [and Transportation] Security of the Department.”



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# Past Temporary Worker Programs in the United States

- The Bracero Program
  - -- 1942-1964 US/Mexico
  - -- Successes
  - -- Failures

## Existing Temporary Worker Programs

- “Highly Skilled”
  - -- Unskilled”/Non-Agricultural
  - -- Agricultural



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**“There’s an important debate facing our nation, and the debate is, can we secure this border and, at the same time, honor our history of being a land of immigrants? And the answer is, absolutely, we can do both.”**

**George W. Bush**

**President of the United States**

**August 2006**



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# Comprehensive Immigration Reform

- Temporary Worker Program for the 21st Century
- Enhancing Border Security
- Strengthening Interior Enforcement



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# Temporary Worker Program (TWP)

**Statistics: 11.4 million illegal aliens**

- Meet economic/market demands
- Compassionate
- Manage immigration  
(already in the U.S. and abroad)



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# Temporary Worker Program (TWP)

- **Employees' Benefits/Incentives**
- **Employers' Incentives**



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# **U.S. Congressional Update**

- **U.S. Senate (May 2006), S. 2611**
- **U.S. House of Representatives (December 2005), H.R. 4437**



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