

CALIFORNIA SERVICE CENTER



U.S. Citizenship
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Quarterly Stakeholders Newsletter

H-1B and Religious Worker Teleconference

The California and Vermont Service Centers are hosting a cross-center teleconference on October 9 from 11 a.m. —12:30 p.m. (Eastern). There will be two 45-minute sessions during this teleconference. The first session begins at 11:00 a.m. and will focus on H-1B filing tips; the second session begins at 11:45 a.m. and will focus on religious worker eligibility requirements. USCIS subject matter experts will be available to answer your operational questions during the teleconference, which was rescheduled from Sept. 25.

You can still register and obtain the dial-in information by emailing us at CSC-CEO@uscis.dhs.gov. We look forward to engaging with you!

Save the Date: 10/9/14



Best Practices for Designated School Officials (DSOs)

Students who cannot submit their **C3B** Optional Practical Training (OPT) designation on the Form I-765 within 30 days of the OPT recommendation date in SEVIS should contact their DSOs to cancel the OPT request in SEVIS and input a new one.

DSOs should write to our mailbox at csc.studentead@uscis.dhs.gov if they experience any difficulties in requesting the OPT in SEVIS. DSOs should provide SEVIS ID numbers (N numbers) and receipt numbers when contacting CSC's mailbox to facilitate the process.



Salutations! My name is Lila, the community relations officer at CSC. We are committed to continuing to build strong customer relations with you, so we are kicking off Fiscal Year 2015 with a cross-sister center engagement on October 9th. Please join us!

Since regular communication is key, we created the quarterly CSC Stakeholders Newsletter, a virtual way to connect with you, our stakeholders. Please email me your suggestions for best practices and tips for our future Newsletters at CSC-CEO@uscis.dhs.gov.

GENERAL REMINDER

◆ Foreign Name (Cities & Countries)

Please spell-check or verify foreign addresses for the correct spelling.

Save the Date

Customer Service Public Engagement and Service Center Operations will host a listening session with stakeholders on the P-1A internationally recognized athlete classification in October. Please stay tuned for more information!

Best Practices For Our Family-Based Work

- Notify USCIS of any address changes as soon as possible.
- Original documents are not usually necessary, but may be required in some circumstances.
 - A. When you submit a foreign language document, please also submit the English translation of that document. The translator must certify that the translation is complete and accurate and that he or she is competent to translate from the foreign language into English. And, if you submit an English language translation, please also be sure to submit a copy of the foreign language document.
 - B. Family-pack filings: Each individual petition submitted as part of a package for an entire family should have its own set of documents.
- When you file a Form I-130, Petition for Alien Relative, for a spouse, please submit a completed and signed Form G-325A, Biographic Information, for you and one for your spouse.
- If the petitioner or beneficiary has an A-number, or had one previously, please indicate that on the Form I-130 or Form I-129F, Petition for Alien Fiancé(e).

CSC Chief of Staff John Abram

John Abram obtained a Bachelor of Arts degree in English Literature from UCLA in 1993. He received a Juris Doctor degree from Southwestern University School of Law in 1996, and was admitted to the California State Bar in the same year. He is licensed to practice law before the Supreme Court of California, the U.S. District Court for the Central District of California, and the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit.

From April 1997 to February 2003, Abram's legal practice was devoted exclusively to immigration and nationality law. He worked as an associate attorney with prestigious local and national law firms assisting individuals, small businesses, as well as national and multi-national corporations. Abram joined USCIS in March 2003 as a supervisory adjudications officer with the California Service Center. From August 2005 to January 2010, Abram served as the Manila Field Office director within the Bangkok District Office. From January to July 2010, Abram served as the chief for the Adjustment of Status Branch within the Field Operations Directorate. Abram transferred back to the California Service Center in August 2010 as a section chief over various product lines including I-129, EB-5, and I-751. In October 2012, he was promoted to associate center director over the Family Branch. In July 2013, Abram became the CSC's chief of staff.

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