U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services

USCIS Fiscal Year 2012 Accomplishments

At USCIS, we measure success by how well we reinforce the country's proud tradition as a nation of hope and opportunity, uphold the integrity of the immigration system, and safeguard our nation's security.

Our accomplishments at USCIS would not be possible without our exceptional workforce. The collective ingenuity, professionalism, and dedication of USCIS employees propel the agency to greater success year after year.

USCIS Fiscal Year 2012 Accomplishments

Our commitment to providing state-of-the art services led to significant achievements that impacted thousands of people and improved our nation's immigration system.

In Fiscal Year 2012, USCIS:

- Developed and implemented the Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals process for certain young people who came to the United States as children.
- Launched the first phase of USCIS ELIS, our inaugural electronic immigration system.
- Enhanced national security by enacting broader and more comprehensive screening procedures for applicants and petitioners.
- Implemented the Entrepreneurs-in-Residence initiative to streamline policies and practices for immigrant entrepreneurs to start and grow businesses in the United States.
- Reduced fraud with the production of nearly 3.8 million secure identity documents and made improvements to deter counterfeiting, obstruct tampering, and allow for quick and accurate authentication.
- Engaged new audiences through expanded national engagements in Spanish and Chinese and the creation of a new online resource center in 23 different languages.
- Extended immigration relief through our humanitarian programs by designating or redesignating 7 countries for Temporary Protected Status, protecting vulnerable populations from human trafficking, fraud, and other crimes, and providing a safe haven for tens of thousands of persons who have faced persecution.

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Strengthen National Security Safeguards and Combat Fraud

Reinforce Quality and Consistency in Administering Immigration Benefits

Foster Organizational Excellence

Promote Citizenship and Immigrant Civic Integration

Enhance Customer Service and Public Engagement

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Plug-ins