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E-Verify is an Internet based system operated by the Department of Homeland Security (DHS) in partnership with the Social Security Administration (SSA) that allows participating employers to electronically verify the employment eligibility of their newly hired employees.

E-Verify is free and voluntary and is the best means available for determining employment eligibility of new hires and the validity of their Social Security Numbers.

See "Program Highlights" on the left side of this page for "E-Verify Program Statistics."

What's New

Secretary Announces Administration's Support for E-Verify

Department of Homeland Security (DHS) Secretary Janet Napolitano today strengthened employment eligibility verification by announcing the Administration's support for a regulation that will award federal contracts only to employers who use E-Verify to check employee work authorization. To read this entire article click "[Secretary Announces Administration's Support for E-Verify](#)" link at the bottom of this page.

USCIS Issues Guidance on Employment Eligibility Verification Form

Form I-9 continues to be valid beyond the current expiration date of June 30, 2009. For more information, please see the [USCIS Update](#) in the "Related Links" section of this page.

Federal Contractor rule delayed until September 8, 2009

The effective date of the final rule requiring certain federal contractors and subcontractors to use E-Verify has been delayed until September 8, 2009.

The rule will only affect federal contractors who are awarded a new contract after September 8, 2009 that includes the Federal Acquisition Regulation (FAR) E-Verify clause (73 FR 67704).

Federal contractors may **NOT** use E-Verify to verify current employees until the rule becomes effective and they are awarded a contract that includes the FAR E-Verify Clause.

The new rule implements Executive Order 12989, as amended by President George W. Bush on June 6, 2008, directing federal agencies to require that federal contractors agree to electronically verify the employment eligibility of their employees. The amended Executive Order reinforces the policy, first announced in 1996, that the federal government does business with

companies that have a legal workforce. This new rule requires federal contractors to agree, through language inserted into their federal contracts, to use E-Verify to confirm the employment eligibility of all persons hired during a contract term, and to confirm the employment eligibility of federal contractors' current employees who perform contract services for the federal government within the United States. You can read frequently asked questions about this new rule in the link below.

Acting Deputy Director Michael Aytes, U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services testifies on Capitol Hill

Testimony of Acting Deputy Director Michael Aytes, U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services, before the House Committee on Appropriations, Subcommittee on Homeland Security, "Priorities Enforcing Immigration Law" took place on April 2, 2009. To read the complete testimony please see the link below entitled "Priorities Enforcing Immigration Law".

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