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## **SEVIS Information**

### **FYI only. Access to BCIS or ICE related forms –**

Paper copy immigration forms can be received by members of the public via the Forms Request Line (1-800-870-3676) through the BCIS Internet forms-by-mail feature, or by call transfer from the National Customer Service Center (1-800-375-5283).

### **I-17 Adjudications -**

A message was recently sent by BCIS to all Regions and District Offices directing them to adjudicate all pending I-17's, immediately. The Districts are indeed aware that schools are required to enter all continuing students in SEVIS by August 1, and every effort is being made to ensure schools are adjudicated and able to meet that deadline.

### **FYI only. E-filing –**

More than 11,257 BCIS customers have filed applications on-line since electronic filing (e-filing) was launched on May 29. BCIS offers electronic filing as an option for two of the most commonly submitted immigration forms – the application used to renew or replace a “green card” (Form I-90) and the application for Employment Authorization (Form I-765). Approximately 5,000 I-765s and 6,000 I-90s have been e-filed. A total of 5,612 e-file applicants have already been processed by BCIS Application Support Centers.

### **Training Class –**

A special training class was conducted this week for the Information Liaison Officers (ILOs) at the National Records Center (NRC). The NRC is located in Kansas City, Mo and houses approximately 20 million A-files. The ILO's provide information related to A-files to authorized DHS employees. The NRC has agreed to allow the ILO's to also respond to SEVIS related inquiries from the Department of State on an as needed basis. Once the ILO's are SEVIS trained, they will be able to respond to inquiries regarding whether a student or school is in SEVIS. The intent is to use the ILO's as a back up for Department of State Consular Affairs Officers. In the event that an Officer cannot access CCD or would like to verify information, the ILO's will be available 24/7 to look up information in SEVIS and provide up-to-date information.

### **SEVIS Fee –**

The Interim rule is currently under review with OMB. When implemented the Interim rule will require foreign students and exchange visitors who wish to obtain visas and enter the United States to pay a fee to support the Bureau's student and exchange visitor tracking program. Prompt implementation of the student fee is essential to the success of the program.