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## SMALL BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION

### National Small Business Development Center Advisory Board; Public Meeting

The U.S. Small Business Administration, Office of Small Business Development Centers, National Advisory Board will be hosting a public meeting via conference call to discuss such matters that may be presented by members, and the staff of the U.S. Small Business Administration, or interested others. The conference call will be held on Tuesday, October 18, 2005 at 1 p.m. eastern standard time.

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## DEPARTMENT OF STATE

[Public Notice 5199]

### Bureau of Consular Affairs; Registration for the Diversity Immigrant (DV-2007) Visa Program

**ACTION:** Notice of Registration for the Diversity Immigrant Visa Program.

This public notice provides information on how to apply for the DV 2007 Program. This notice is issued pursuant to 22 CFR 42.33(b)(3) which implements sections 201(a)(3), 201(e), 203(c) and 204(a)(1)(G) of the Immigration and Nationality Act, as amended, (8 U.S.C. 1151, 1153, and 1154(a)(1)(G)).

### Instructions for the 2007 Diversity Immigrant Visa Program (DV-2007)

The congressionally mandated Diversity Immigrant Visa Program is

administered on an annual basis by the Department of State and conducted under the terms of Section 203(c) of the Immigration and Nationality Act (INA). Section 131 of the Immigration Act of 1990 (Pub. L. 101-649) amended INA 203 to provide for a new class of immigrants known as "Diversity Immigrants" (DV immigrants). The Act makes available 50,000 permanent resident visas annually to persons from countries with low rates of immigration to the United States.

The annual DV program makes permanent residence visas available to persons meeting the simple, but strict, eligibility requirements. Applicants for Diversity Visas are chosen by a computer-generated random lottery drawing. The visas, however, are distributed among six geographic regions, with a greater number of visas going to regions with lower rates of immigration, and with no visas going to citizens of countries sending more than 50,000 immigrants to the U.S. in the past five years. Within each region, no one country may receive more than seven percent of the available Diversity Visas in any one year.

For DV-2007, natives of the following countries are not eligible to apply because the countries sent a total of more than 50,000 immigrants to the U.S. in the previous five years (the term "country" in this notice includes countries, economies and other jurisdictions explicitly listed in this notice):

Canada, China (mainland-born), Colombia, Dominican Republic, El Salvador, Haiti, India, Jamaica, Mexico, Pakistan, Philippines, Poland, Russia, South Korea, United Kingdom (except Northern Ireland) and its dependent territories, and Vietnam. Persons born in Hong Kong SAR, Macau SAR and Taiwan are eligible.

### Application Submission Dates

Entries for the DV-2007 Diversity Visa Lottery must be submitted electronically between noon, eastern standard time, (e.s.t.) Wednesday, October 5, 2005 and noon, e.s.t. Sunday, December 4, 2005. Applicants may access the Electronic Diversity Visa Entry Form (EDV Entry Form) at <http://www.dvlottery.state.gov> during the registration period beginning noon, e.s.t. October 5, 2005. Paper entries will not be accepted. Applicants are strongly encouraged to not wait until the last week of the registration period to enter. Heavy demand may result in delays. No entries will be accepted after noon, e.s.t., on December 4, 2005.

### Requirements for Entry

Applicant must be a native of one of the countries listed. See "List of Countries by Region Whose Natives Qualify."

In most cases this means the country in which the applicant was born. However, there are two other ways a person may be able to qualify. First, if a person was born in a country whose natives are ineligible but his/her spouse was born in a country whose natives are eligible, such person can claim the spouse's country of birth provided both the applicant and spouse are issued visas and enter the U.S. simultaneously. Second, if a person was born in a country whose natives are ineligible, but neither of his/her parents was born there or resided there at the time of his/her birth, such person may claim nativity in one of the parents' country of birth if it is a country whose natives qualify for the DV-2007 program.

Applicants must meet either the education or training requirement of the DV program.

An applicant must have either a high school education or its equivalent, defined as successful completion of a 12-year course of elementary and secondary education; or two years of work experience within the past five years in an occupation requiring at least two years of training or experience to perform. The U.S. Department of Labor's O\*Net OnLine database will be used to determine qualifying work experience.

If the applicant cannot meet these requirements, he/she should not submit an entry to the DV program.

### Procedures for Submitting an Entry to DV-2007

The Department of State will only accept completed EDV Entry Forms submitted electronically at <http://www.dvlottery.state.gov> during the registration period beginning at 12 p.m. e.s.t. (GMT-5) on October 5, 2005 and ending at 12 p.m. e.s.t. (GMT-5) on December 4, 2005.

All entries by an applicant will be disqualified if more than one entry for the applicant is received, regardless of who submitted the entry. Applicants may prepare and submit their own entries or have someone submit the entry for them.

Successfully registered entries will result in a display of a confirmation screen containing the applicant's name, date of birth, country of chargeability, and a date/time stamp. The applicant may print this confirmation screen for his/her records using the print function of the Web browser.

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