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# Press Release

## **USCIS Announces Latest Field Leadership Appointments**

Washington, D.C. –Eduardo Aguirre, Director of U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS), announced today additional appointments to his field leadership team.

“This latest round of appointments further complements the top-notch team we have assembled. These are highly qualified, dedicated professionals who will be critical to reducing the backlog, improving customer service and ensuring the integrity of America’s legal immigration system,” said Director Aguirre.

On a typical day, nationally, USCIS will: process 140,000 national security background checks; receive 100,000 web hits; take 50,000 calls at four National Customer Service Centers; adjudicate 30,000 applications for an immigration benefit; see 25,000 visitors at 92 district offices; issue 20,000 green cards; capture 8,000 sets of finger prints at 130 Application Support Centers; welcome 3,000 newly naturalized citizens; greet 100 refugees; and help American parents adopt 100 foreign children.

USCIS is responsible for processing family-based petitions; employment-based petitions; asylum and refugee processing; naturalizations; special status programs; and document issuance and renewal.

Director Aguirre’s appointments are as follows:

### **DISTRICT DIRECTORS**

District Director - Anchorage - Bernadette Nocerino-Doody  
District Director - Baltimore - Richard Caterisano  
District Director - Boston - Denis Riordan  
District Director - Chicago - Michael Comfort  
District Director - Dallas - Angela "Kristi" Barrows  
District Director - Denver - Mario Ortiz  
District Director - Harlingen - Alfonso DeLeon  
District Director - Helena - Alan Puckett  
District Director - Honolulu - David Gulick  
District Director - Houston - Hipolito Acosta  
District Director - Kansas City - Michael Jaromin  
District Director - New Orleans - M. Stella Jarina  
District Director - Philadelphia - Donald Monica  
District Director - New York - Mary Ann Gantner

District Director - Portland, Maine - Rodolfo Lara  
District Director - Portland, Oregon - William McNamee  
District Director - San Antonio - Kenneth Pasquarell  
District Director - San Diego - Debra Rogers  
District Director - San Juan - Maria del Mar Aran  
District Director - St. Paul - Denise Frazier  
District Director - Washington - Phyllis Howard

### **ASYLUM DIRECTORS**

Asylum Director, Arlington - Marla Richter-Belvedere  
Asylum Director, Chicago - Robert Esbrook  
Asylum Director, Houston - Marie Hummert  
Asylum Director, Miami - Erich Cauller  
Asylum Director, Newark - Susan Raufer  
Asylum Director, New York - Patricia Jackson  
Asylum Director, San Francisco - Emilia Bardini

### **OFFICERS-IN-CHARGE**

Officer-in-Charge - Agana - Robert Johnson  
Officer-in-Charge - Albuquerque - Betty Garcia  
Officer-in-Charge - Boise - Robert Mather  
Officer-in-Charge - Cincinnati - Helaine Tasch  
Officer-in-Charge - Charlotte Amalia - Jerome Kettles  
Officer-in-Charge - Columbus - Cheryl Gallegos  
Officer-in-Charge - Des Moines - Conrad Zaragoza  
Officer-in-Charge - Fort Smith - Carol Bellew  
Officer-in-Charge - Hartford - Ethan Enzer  
Officer-in-Charge - Indianapolis - Donald Ferguson  
Officer-in-Charge - Jacksonville - Louise Germain  
Officer-in-Charge - Milwaukee - Kay Leopold  
Officer-in-Charge - Norfolk - Mary Ann Russell  
Officer-in-Charge - Oklahoma City - Barry Royce  
Officer-in-Charge - Pittsburgh - Debra Zamberry  
Officer-in-Charge - Reno - Gerardo Garcia  
Officer-in-Charge - Salt Lake City - Allan Speirs  
Officer-in-Charge - Spokane - Diana Wolder  
Officer-in-Charge - Tampa - Kathy Redman  
Officer-in-Charge - West Palm Beach - John Damone

### **REGIONAL DIRECTOR**

Acting Regional Director - Central Region - David Roark

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On March 1, 2003, U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services became one of three legacy INS components to join the U.S. Department of Homeland Security. USCIS is charged with fundamentally transforming and improving the delivery of immigration and citizenship services, while enhancing the integrity of our nation's security.