



Fact Sheet

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USCIS FY 2007 Budget Request Prioritizes Transformation Efforts and Expanded Employment Eligibility Verification Program

U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) today announced the Administration's Fiscal Year 2007 budget request of \$1.98 billion for the agency. This request includes funds to transform USCIS business operations and to expand its Employment Eligibility Verification (EEV) Program in anticipation of a mandatory employment verification requirement.

The FY 2007 budget requests \$182 million in discretionary funding and \$1.804 billion in mandatory funding generated from fee revenues paid by persons seeking immigration benefits. USCIS is one of the largest fee-funded agencies in the Federal government.

SAVE/Employment Eligibility Verification Program

Discretionary funding of \$134.9 million is requested for the cost:

- (1) to operate an expanded Systematic Alien Verification for Entitlements (SAVE) program to meet the new requirements of the REAL ID Act for USCIS to provide the various State departments of motors vehicles with immigration status information
- (2) to expand the current EEV Program in anticipation of a mandatory electronic employment verification requirement.

USCIS Transformation Program

Discretionary funding of \$47 million is requested to modernize USCIS business operations and the underlying investment technology that supports those operations to more efficiently and effectively meet its mission of administering the nation's immigration laws.

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Every business day, USCIS will: process 135,000 national security background checks; receive 135,000 USCIS.gov web hits; take 82,000 calls at four National Customer Service Centers; process 30,000 applications for an immigration benefit; see 19,000 visitors at 92 USCIS offices; issue 7,000 green cards; capture 8,000 sets of fingerprints at 130 Application Support Centers; welcome 2,100 newly naturalized citizens; process almost 300 refugee applications; and help American parents adopt 80 foreign orphans.