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DIRECTOR AGUIRRE VISITS WITH STAKEHOLDERS AT NATURALIZATION TESTING REDESIGN CONFERENCE

U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services Director Eduardo Aguirre met with USCIS employees and members of community-based organizations (CBOs) to discuss the redesign of the naturalization tests of English, U.S. history, and government. At the largest gathering of CBOs since the inception of the agency, Director Aguirre addressed President Bush's recent immigration reform proposal, specifically the President's high expectations for what new citizens should know about the U.S. and its history. Director Aguirre talked about the responsibility of USCIS to examine the standard of knowledge in the current citizenship test and to ensure that new citizens know the facts and the ideals that shaped U.S. history. The overall goal of the test redesign is to make a more meaningful, substantive, and fair examination that equips new citizens for their responsibilities in American society. USCIS employees and CBOs met for two days in Washington to debate and make recommendations on standards and guidelines for the naturalization exams.



The first Director of U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services, Eduardo Aguirre talked with stakeholders about President Bush's proposal for immigration reform and the importance of new citizens' civic responsibility.

Mr. Harvey Lugo, a District Adjudications Officer for USCIS in San Antonio, engaged in a discussion with Director Aguirre about the importance of the test redesign.

