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# Press Release

## USCIS ANNOUNCES ADDRESS CHANGE FOR CERTAIN IMMIGRATION FILINGS BEGINNING DECEMBER 1, 2004

WASHINGTON, D.C. – The USCIS today announced that, in compliance with a Federal Register notice published on November 19, individuals filing certain applications with USCIS should mail their forms directly to the Chicago Lockbox instead of submitting them to their District Office. These forms include:

- Form I-485, Application to Register Permanent Residence or Adjust Status (Family Based Adjustments Only);
- Form I-765, Application for Employment Authorization;
- Form I-131, Application for Travel Document

With the exception of the new filing address, all immigration-filing procedures remain unchanged. This new Direct Mail program will allow USCIS to more efficiently process applications, deposit fees and provide enhanced customer service.

USCIS will implement this rollout in two phases:

**Phase One** will begin on December 1, 2004 and will affect certain aliens filing Form I-485, Form I-765, and Form I-131 who live in the states of Alabama, Arizona, Arkansas, Colorado, Connecticut, Delaware, Florida, Georgia, Hawaii, Illinois, Indiana, Kentucky, Louisiana, Maine, Massachusetts, Michigan, Minnesota, Mississippi, Nevada, New Hampshire, New Jersey, New York, North Carolina, North Dakota, Ohio, Pennsylvania, Rhode Island, South Carolina, South Dakota, Tennessee, Utah, Vermont, Virginia, West Virginia, Wisconsin, Wyoming, as well as the District of Columbia, Guam, Puerto Rico, and the Virgin Islands of the United States.

**Phase Two** will begin on April 1, 2005 and will affect certain aliens filing Form I-485, Form I-765, and Form I-131 residing in: Alaska, California, Idaho, Iowa, Kansas, Maryland, Missouri, Montana, Nebraska, New Mexico, Oklahoma, Oregon, Texas, and Washington.

Effective December 1, 2004, those aliens described in Phase One, and effective April 1, 2005, those aliens described in Phase Two, must send their Form I-485, and/or Form I-765, and/or Form I-131, and all supporting documentation for each application, directly to one of the following addresses:

U. S. Citizenship and Immigration Services  
P.O. Box 805887  
Chicago, IL 60680-4120 or

For non-United States Postal Service (USPS) deliveries (e.g. private couriers):  
U. S. Citizenship and Immigration Services  
427 S. LaSalle – 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor  
Chicago, IL 60605-1098

USCIS notes that the above lockbox addresses are different than the Chicago USCIS offices located on West Jackson Boulevard, S. Dearborn, or at 539 S. La Salle.

The following Internet addresses will link to this Direct Mail Federal Register Notice:

<http://a257.g.akamaitech.net/7/257/2422/06jun20041800/edocket.access.gpo.gov/2004/04-25679.htm>

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