

**PART 139—IRISH PEACE PROCESS
CULTURAL AND TRAINING PRO-
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§ 139.1 Purpose.

(a) The regulations set forth in this Part implement, in part, the “Irish Peace Process Cultural and Training Program Act of 1998 (the “IPPCTPA”), Public Law 105-319, 112 Stat. 3013. The purpose of the IPPCTPA is to establish a program to “allow young people from disadvantaged areas of designated counties suffering from sectarian violence and high structural unemployment to enter the United States for the purpose of developing job skills and conflict resolution abilities in a diverse, cooperative, peaceful, and prosperous environment, so that those young people can return to their homes better able to contribute toward economic regeneration and the Irish peace process.” This part describes the Irish Peace Process Cultural and Training Program (the “IPPCTP”) hereby established by the Department, the procedures for its operation and the requirements for participation.

(b) The Department, in consultation with the Immigration and Naturalization Service (“INS”), will implement the program specified in the IPPCTPA by working with the relevant governmental authorities in the Republic of Ireland and in Northern Ireland to further the goals of the IPPCTPA, by selecting a Program Administrator to carry out the day-to-day operation of the IPPCTP, by approving, upon the recommendation of the Program Administrator, employers in the United

States to carry out the training and employment elements of the IPPCTP and by providing general oversight of the IPPCTP.

§ 139.2 Definitions.

The following definitions apply to this part:

Accompanying family members means the spouse and minor children of the principal alien.

Applicant sponsor means FAS, T&EA, or an employer in the border counties or in Northern Ireland who has nominated an employee to participate in the IPPCTP.

Border counties means the counties of Louth, Monaghan, Cavan, Leitrim, Sligo and Donegal in the Republic of Ireland.

FAS means the Training and Employment Authority of the Republic of Ireland.

IPPCTP means the Irish Peace Process Cultural and Training Program.

Program Administrator means the organization selected by the Department to carry out the Department’s responsibilities for the day-to-day management of the IPPCTP.

Program Participant means an individual selected to participate in the IPPCTP.

T&EA means the Training and Employment Agency of Northern Ireland.

United States employer means an employer with operations in the United States that has been recommended by the Program Administrator and approved by the Department of State for participation in the IPPCTP.

§ 139.3 Responsibilities of the Department.

The Department of State retains overall authority for all IPPCTP activities, including, but not limited to:

- (a) The design of the program mandated by IPPCTPA;
- (b) The formulation of policies and procedures concerning the IPPCTP;
- (c) The selection and oversight of the Program Administrator;
- (d) Coordination with other U.S. Government agencies and representatives of the governments of the Republic of Ireland and Northern Ireland;
- (e) Establishment of the requirements for and approval of the United