DHS Exhibit 300 Public Release BY08 (Form) / USCIS - Benefits Provision - Verification Information System (VIS)/ Employment Eligibility Verification (EEV) (2008) (Item)

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OVERVIEW	

General Information

1. Date of Submission:	Sep 1, 2006
2. Agency:	Department of Homeland Security
3. Bureau:	Citizenship and Immigration Services (CIS)
4. Name of this Capital Asset:	USCIS - Benefits Provision - Verification Information System (VIS)/Employment Eligibility Verification (EEV) (2008)
Investment Portfolio:	CIS Home Portfolio 2008
5. Unique ID:	024-30-01-07-01-3029-00
(For IT investments only, see section 53. For all other, use agency ID system.)	

All investments

6. What kind of investment will this be in FY2008?

(Please NOTE: Investments moving to O&M ONLY in FY2008, with Planning/Acquisition activities prior to FY2008 should not select O&M. These investments should indicate their current status.)

Mixed Life Cycle

7. What was the first budget year this investment was submitted to OMB?

FY2004

8. Provide a brief summary and justification for this investment, including a brief description of how this closes in part or in whole an identified agency performance gap.

The Verification Information System (VIS) is a mixed life-cycle investment that has three distinct parts, the Customer Processing System (CPS), the Status Verification System (SVS) and Employment Eligibility Verification (EEV).. VIS supports the (Systematic Alien Verification for Entitlements) SAVE Program, allowing federal, state and local benefit granting agencies to verify the immigration status of applicants/customers applying for a government benefit. The SAVE program is mandated by the Immigration Reform and Control Act of 1986 (IRCA) and the Personal Responsibility and Work Opportunity Reconciliation Act of 1996 (PRWORA).

VIS is also utilized for the Employment Eligibility Verification/Basic Pilot (EEV) program, to allow participating employers to verify the employment eligibility of all newly hired employees. The EEV program is mandated by the Illegal Immigration Reform and Immigrant Responsibility Act of 1996 (IIRIRA). Any legislation enacted making participation in the EEV program mandatory will necessitate the usage of VIS as the primary information system used. VIS will be the system used by all state DMV's as mandated by the Real ID Act of 2005 to verify the lawful presence status of aliens applying for driver licenses and state-issued identification cards. As a mixed life-cycle investment, this project includes operation and maintenance of VIS. VIS replaced the legacy ASVI system that previously provided immigration status information to federal, state and local entitlement agencies and employers.

SVS is used by the Department of Homeland Security Immigration Status Verifiers to resolve cases that could not be resolved during the initial query. VIS has been in full operation for 3 years and handles over 1 million queries a month. The expansion of the EEV program is contingent on appropriated funding, and will require VIS to under go major enhancements in regards to hardware upgrades and network connectivity.

9. Did the Agency's Executive/Investment Committee approve this request?

Yes

9.a. If "yes," what was the date of this approval?

Jan 24, 2006

10. Did the Project Manager review this Exhibit?

Yes

12. Has the agency developed and/or promoted cost effective, energy-efficient and environmentally sustainable techniques or practices for this project.

Yes

12.a. Will this investment include electronic assets (including computers)?

Yes

12.b. Is this investment for new construction or major retrofit of a Federal building or facility? (answer applicable to non-IT assets only)

No	
12.b.1. If "yes," is an ESPC or UESC being used to help fund this investment?	
12.b.2. If "yes," will this investment meet sustainable design principles?	
12.b.3. If "yes," is it designed to be 30% more energy efficient than relevant code?	
13. Does this investment support one of the PMA initiatives?	
Yes	
If "yes," select the initiatives that apply:	

Human Capital	No
Budget Performance Integration	No
Financial Performance	No
Expanded E-Government	Yes
Competitive Sourcing	No
Faith Based and Community	No
Real Property Asset Management	No
Eliminating Improper Payments	No
Privatization of Military Housing	No
R and D Investment Criteria	No
Housing and Urban Development Management and Performance	No
Broadening Health Insurance Coverage through State Initiatives	No
Right Sized Overseas Presence	No
Coordination of VA and DoD Programs and Systems	No

13.a. Briefly describe how this asset directly supports the identified initiative(s)?
This investment directly supports the Expanded E-Government initiaitve as it allows users to access a once paper-based system electronically and allows cases to be processed completely electronically. Users log into the VIS system to enter query information and results are returned within 3 seconds. Elecronic access also allows USCIS to better manage casework and provides improved service to our customers.
14. Does this investment support a program assessed using OMB's Program Assessment Rating Tool (PART)?
Yes
14.a. If "yes," does this investment address a weakness found during the PART review?
No
14.b. If "yes," what is the name of the PART program assessed by OMB's Program Assessment Rating Tool?
USCIS - Immigration Services
14.c. If "yes," what PART rating did it receive?
Moderately Effective
15. Is this investment for information technology (See section 53 for definition)?
Yes

For information technology investments only:
16. What is the level of the IT Project (per CIO Council's PM Guidance)?
Level 1
17. What project management qualifications does the Project Manager have? (per CIO Council's PM Guidance)
(1) Project manager has been validated as qualified for this investment
18. Is this investment identified as "high risk" on the Q4 - FY 2006 agency high risk report (per OMB's 'high risk' memo)?
No
19. Is this a financial management system?
No
19.a. If "yes," does this investment address a FFMIA compliance area?
19.a.1. If "yes," which compliance area:
19.a.2. If "no," what does it address?
19.b. If "yes," please identify the system name(s) and system acronym(s) as reported in the most recent financial systems inventory update required by Circular A–11 section 52.
20. What is the percentage breakout for the total FY2008 funding request for the following? (This should total 100%)

Area	Percentage	
Hardware	36.00	

Software	16.00	
Services	11.00	
Other	37.00	
Total	100.00	⭐

21. If this project produces information dissemination products for the public, are these products published to the Internet in conformance with OMB Memorandum 05-04 and included in your agency inventory, schedules and priorities?

N/A

23. Are the records produced by this investment appropriately scheduled with the National Archives and Records Administration's approval?

Yes

SUMMARY OF FUNDING

SUMMARY OF SPENDING FOR PROJECT PHASES (In Millions)

1. Provide the total estimated life-cycle cost for this investment by completing the following table. All amounts represent budget authority in millions, and are rounded to three decimal places. Federal personnel costs should be included only in the row designated "Government FTE Cost," and should be excluded from the amounts shown for "Planning," "Full Acquisition," and "Operation/Maintenance." The total estimated annual cost of the investment is the sum of costs for "Planning," "Full Acquisition," and "Operation/Maintenance." For Federal buildings and facilities, life-cycle costs should include long term energy, environmental, decommissioning, and/or restoration costs. The costs associated with the entire life-cycle of the investment should be included in this report.

All amounts represent Budget Authority

	PY-1 & Earlier -2005	PY 2006	CY 2007	BY 2008
Planning:				
Budgetary Resources	0.357	0.170	18.280	4.300
Acquisition:				
Budgetary Resources	9.442	2.440	31.080	6.840
Subtotal:				
Budgetary Resources	9.799	2.610	49.360	11.140
Maintenance:				
Budgetary Resources	14.040	3.459	4.400	32.200
TOTAL, All Stages				
Budgetary Resources	23.839	6.069	53.760	43.340
Government FTE Cost	0.840	0.310	0.640	0.660
# of FTEs	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Total, BR + FTE Cost	24.679	6.379	54.400	44.000

Note: For the cross-agency investments, this table should include all funding (both managing partner and partner agencies).
Government FTE Costs should not be included as part of the TOTAL represented.
2. Will this project require the agency to hire additional FTE's?
Yes
2.a. If "yes," how many and in what year?
In FY 07 the Appropriations Budget allows for an additional 110 FTE's to be hired to support SAVE/EEV Program. Additional FTE's for management and administration of this system are included in the total.
3. If the summary of spending has changed from the FY2007 President's budget request, briefly explain those changes.
FY 2007 discretionary funds have been identified for USCIS' Systematic Alien Verification for Entitlements (SAVE) Program for implementation of the Employment Eligibility Verification Program (EEVP) and the Real ID Act of 2005. Currently, the SAVE Program uses the Verification Information System (VIS) to provide immigration status verification services to over 190,000 Federal, state, and local government agency users and provide employment eligibility status to over 22,500 employer sites participating in the Basic Employment Verification Pilot Program. Because of the success of USCIS' verification programs and the perceived need of a growing number of potential users to verify non-citizen status before providing a benefit, license, or continued employment, these new and proposed initiatives will have significant impact on the current SAVE Program and VIS. The summary of spending has changed from the FY2007 President's budget request because VIS will be expanded to accommodate the implementation of the EEVP.The Employment Eligibility Verification program proposed by H.R. 4437 would require startup and recurring funding. For instance, in HR 4437, the first year contemplates a transition period to prepare to implement during the second year following enactment (2007). During that year, all U.S. employers would be required to start using VIS/EEVP for their newly hired employees. During 2008, government and critical infrastructure employers would be required to verify their existing workforces. Over the next three years (2009, 2010, and 2011), all other employers would be required to verify their existing workforces. By January 2012, all U.S. employees would have been verified through the VIS/EEVP, and the program would continue in operation for all newly hired employees. Although other proposals differ slightly in implementation schedules they all foresee near-term and large-scale expansion of the VIS and the Basic Pilot to all new hires and potentially current workforces.