



SENTRI is a land border-crossing program that provides expedited CBP processing for pre-approved low-risk travelers.

The SENTRI card fulfills the travel document requirements of the Western Hemisphere Travel Initiative (WHTI), which will require a passport or other secure travel document by all U.S. citizens seeking entry or re-entry into the U.S. This change, slated to be implemented at all land and sea crossings by June 1, 2009, requires a secure, verifiable document denoting citizenship and identity for U.S. citizens, who previously were not required to present documentation.

Prospective SENTRI participants may now apply online at [www.cbp.gov](http://www.cbp.gov) as well as pay application and other program fees online. Key benefits of the online system include streamlining the entire application and vetting process for new applicants and renewals, and added convenience of a quick and secure online fee payment option.

SENTRI has received numerous awards as a “government best-practice” approach, and demonstrates the government’s commitment to utilizing the right solutions for border management needs.

The SENTRI program was first implemented at Otay Mesa, CA in 1995, and has grown to include 16 lanes at the nine largest ports on entry along the U.S.-Mexico border including San Ysidro, CA; Calexico, CA; Nogales, AZ; two crossings in El Paso, TX; Laredo, TX; Hidalgo, TX; and Brownsville, TX. More than 175,000 travelers from both sides of the border currently are enrolled in the program.

