



# Advisory

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## **USCIS TO LAUNCH ONLINE AVAILABILITY OF GUIDE FOR NEW IMMIGRANTS IN CHINESE AND VIETNAMESE** *OFFICE OF CITIZENSHIP CHIEF ALFONSO AGUILAR TO HOLD PRESS CONFERENCE IN SAN FRANCISCO*

Washington, DC — Alfonso Aguilar, Chief, USCIS' Office of Citizenship will hold a press conference in San Francisco, 11 a.m., Thursday, June 9, to announce the online availability of the landmark federal publication for new immigrants entitled *Welcome to the United States: A Guide for New Immigrants* in Chinese and Vietnamese. The guide contains practical information to help new immigrants settle into everyday life in the United States and also provides basic civics information that will introduce new immigrants to the U.S. system of government.

The Office of Citizenship is mandated by the Homeland Security Act of 2002 to promote instruction and training on citizenship rights and responsibilities and to provide immigrants with information and tools necessary to successfully integrate into civic life. The Office of Citizenship focuses on providing information and resources to immigrants at two key points in their journey towards civic integration: when they first become permanent residents and when they are ready to begin the formal naturalization process.

**EVENT:** Launch of online availability of *Welcome to the United States: A Guide for New Immigrants* in Chinese and Vietnamese

**DATE:** Thursday, June 9, 2005

**TIME:** 11:00 a.m. press conference

**LOCATION:** USCIS District Office, 630 Sansome Street, San Francisco, CA 94111

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**NOTE: Reporters planning to attend the press conference are requested to report to the San Francisco USCIS District Office and present their media credentials by 10:30 a.m., June 9 for security processing.**

On March 1, 2003, U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services became one of three legacy INS components to join the U.S. Department of Homeland Security. USCIS is charged with fundamentally transforming and improving the delivery of immigration and citizenship services, while enhancing the integrity of our nation's security.