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Fact Sheet

The Office of Citizenship Launches a New Publication: *Welcome to the United States: A Guide for New Immigrants*

The Office of Citizenship, within U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services, is announcing the release of *Welcome to the United States: A Guide for New Immigrants*. This landmark publication represents the first time in recent history that the federal government has provided orientation materials for new permanent residents. Designed for permanent residents and the organizations that serve them, *Welcome to the United States* contains practical information to help immigrants settle into everyday day life in the United States, as well as basic civics information that will introduce new immigrants to the U.S. system of government. The guide also provides new immigrants with ideas on how to become involved in their new communities, and how to meet their responsibilities and exercise their rights as permanent residents.

This guide includes information about:

- The rights and responsibilities of permanent residents
- Places to learn English
- How to find a place to live
- How to get a Social Security number
- Job placement resources
- How the U.S. school system works and how to enroll your child in school
- Ways to keep your home and family safe
- How the Federal Government works

The guide is available for free, and can be found online in English, Spanish, Chinese and Vietnamese at <http://uscis.gov/graphics/citizenship/>. Copies will soon be available online in Tagalog, Korean, Russian, Arabic, French, Portuguese, and Haitian Creole. Print copies of the English and Spanish guides are available for purchase through the U.S. Government Printing Office (GPO) by calling 1-866-512-1800 or by ordering through their website at <http://bookstore.gpo.gov>. Individual copies of the English and Spanish guides cost \$9.50. The guide in English is offered at a bulk purchase discount of \$171 for a box of 100. The guide in Spanish is offered in bulk at \$112 for a box of 50.

About the Office of Citizenship

The Office of Citizenship was created by the Homeland Security Act of 2002 and is mandated with promoting instruction and training on citizenship rights and responsibilities. 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 legal immigrants and when they are ready to begin the formal naturalization process. To find out more about the Office of Citizenship, please visit our website at <http://uscis.gov/graphics/citizenship/> or call (202)272-1310.

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