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## **USCIS LAUNCHES GUIDE FOR NEW IMMIGRANTS IN MULTIPLE LANGUAGES**

Washington, D.C. – 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.

"In our history as a nation of immigrants, newcomers from all over the world have arrived in the United States without sufficient information about life in this country and their rights and responsibilities. We believe this *Guide* will be an important resource for immigrants, helping them to integrate into American society, and making this transition easier by providing them with information about our country, its people and its system of government," said Alfonso Aguilar, Chief, Office of Citizenship, USCIS.

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.

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.

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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.