U.S. Department of Homeland Security U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services *Customer Service and Public Engagement Directorate* Washington, DC 20529



Teleconference Invitation

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H-1B & Schedule A-Based Visas: Nursing Industry Thursday, January 16, 2014 1:00 p.m. – 2:30 p.m. (Eastern)

U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) invites you to participate in a stakeholder teleconference on **Thursday, January 16, 2014, from 1:00 p.m. to 2:30 p.m. (Eastern)** to provide feedback on issues regarding H-1B nonimmigrant and Schedule A-based immigrant visa petitions (second and third employment-based preference categories) for nurses.

Last year, USCIS concluded the first phase of its <u>Entrepreneurs in Residence</u> initiative that brought startup experts from the private sector together with USCIS immigration experts in an effort to provide pathways for immigrant entrepreneurs that are clear, consistent, and aligned with business realities.

Building on this successful model, USCIS again leveraged the DHS Loaned Executive program to recruit experts in the nursing industry. The Loaned Executive program is a mechanism to allow top executives from various fields to join USCIS as hands-on participants in a variety of critical projects and initiatives related to their areas of industry expertise. USCIS has formed a team, again comprised of private sector and USCIS immigration experts, to work collaboratively over six months and explore how USCIS can enhance clarity and consistency in health care adjudications, focusing on the nursing industry.

This engagement will provide an opportunity for the newly assembled team to hear from stakeholders on such topics as the educational requirements for entering into various nursing occupations, duties in nursing occupations, licensing issues and standards, visa eligibility requirements, staffing agency contracts, and new industry trends. A new "Executive in Residence" will participate in the listening session to hear directly from peers on issues of importance to the nursing industry.

To Register for this Session:

Please visit our <u>registration page</u> to confirm your participation. Be sure to provide your full name and, if applicable, the name of your organization by following the steps below:

• Enter your email address and select "Submit"

- Select "Subscriber Preferences"
- Select the "Event Registration" tab
- Complete the questions and select "Submit"

Once your registration is processed, you will receive a confirmation email with additional details.

You are welcome to submit agenda items before the teleconference. You may do so on the event registration page or by emailing us at <u>Public.Engagement@uscis.dhs.gov</u>. Please submit all questions and agenda items by **Monday, January 13, 2014**.

If you have any questions regarding the registration process, or if you have not received a confirmation email within two business days, please email us at <u>Public.Engagement@uscis.dhs.gov</u>.

We look forward to engaging with you!