



U.S. Immigration
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Student & Exchange Visitor Information System II (SEVIS II) Batch Training Workshop

Student & Exchange Visitor Program (SEVP)/Office of Investigations (OI)

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- What's new in SEVIS II
- Project schedule
- Batch requirement issues
- Batch survey
- Questions



- **Customer Account Goals**
 - Enable the concept of “one person – one record”
 - Facilitate a paperless system by providing all users an electronic signature
 - Allow students, exchange visitors, and dependents access to the system for the first time
 - Incorporate an electronic admissibility indicator in lieu of Form I-20 and DS-2019
 - Provide enforcement agencies an easier method of monitoring activities of nonimmigrant F, M, and J visitors
- To achieve these goals, all users will have an Immigration Identification Number (IIN)
- The IIN will be a unique identifier issued upon creation of a customer account



■ Customer Accounts

- Those involved in, or seeking benefits from, the immigration line of business will provide personal biographic information
- Core data elements will be used to associate historical records of legacy users with their customer account and linked to their IIN
- The current record, along with the historical records will be used to establish a single profile for a user
- The user will be forever associated with their IIN for all future dealing in the immigration line of business
- USCIS future business transformation will incorporate IINs into all facets of immigration benefits processing



■ Paperless

- No paper Forms I-17, I-20, DS-3036, DS-3037, DS-2019 or any other SEVIS related form for immigration purposes
- The printing of draft documents for review purposes will be possible
- Paperless process at the consulate, ports of entry, and in dealing with USCIS
- An official form for domestic purposes (DMV, banking, I-9 proof of employment, etc.) will be printable by School and Sponsor Officials on behalf of nonimmigrants



■ Electronic Signatures

- Electronically signed forms and data elements can be sent via interface to other agencies
- Signatures can be authenticated immediately, while obtained from users worldwide
- Signatures will be obtained via a PIN number, established by the user while creating their customer account
- Each signature event will be accompanied by text describing exactly what the user is signing and the consequences of the action



- Student and EV Access to SEVIS II
 - Nonimmigrants enter their own biographic information
 - Students and Exchange Visitors will be responsible for updating their own addresses
 - Students and Exchange Visitors will be able to send messages to school or program
 - Students and Exchange Visitors will be able to view information on their school/program information as well as their status
 - SEVIS II school or program information as well as immigration status information will be available



■ Admissibility Indicators

- Border officials will have an electronic indicator about the standing of Student/Exchange Visitors trying to gain entry
- The indicator will be easy to interpret
 - Green – nonimmigrant is admissible by SEVIS II standards, barring issues outside of SEVIS II they will be permitted entry
 - Yellow – a second level of assessment is necessary
 - Red – nonimmigrant is not permitted to enter at this time
- **Indicator will be viewable by Students/Exchange Visitors**
 - Additional help text will educate nonimmigrants as to the meaning of the indicator and any actions necessary to gain entry to US



- **Biographic Information**
 - Students/EVs provide biographic information for Account
 - How to transmit this back to your organization via batch

- **Addresses**
 - Students/EVs can change address
 - Notifications to School/Sponsor?

- **Electronic Signatures**
 - How will this be done

- **Other issues?**



- Survey developed with attendees of March 2009 Requirements conference
- Provide SEVP with better understanding of user needs and to identify issues and concerns
- Over 150 responses from organizations representing approximately 270,000 Students and Exchange Visitors
- Issues
 - “reverse batch”
 - Student input of data
- Desires
 - More frequent batch
 - Increased functionality – OPT, transfers, etc.
- Timeline
 - 6 months to design and test