

## DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

### National Institutes of Health

#### Center for Scientific Review; Amended Notice of Meeting

Notice is hereby given of a change in the meeting of the Prokaryotic Cell and Molecular Biology Study Section, June 21, 2006, 8:30 a.m. to June 22, 2006, 6:30 p.m., St. Gregory Hotel, 2033 M Street, NW., Washington, DC 20036 which was published in the **Federal Register** on May 11, 2006, 71 FR 27505–27507.

The meeting will be held on June 20, 2006 to June 21, 2006. The meeting time and location remain the same. The meeting is closed to the public.

Dated: May 17, 2006.

**Anna Snouffer,**

*Acting Director, Office of Federal Advisory Committee Policy.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY

### U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services

[CIS No. 2350–05; DHS Docket No. USCIS–2005–0039]

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#### Notice of Designation of Certain Employment-Based Petitions and Applications as Eligible for Premium Processing Service

**AGENCY:** U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services, Department of Homeland Security.

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** This Notice designates the following forms as eligible for Premium

Processing Service: Form I–140 “Immigrant Petition for Alien Worker,” Form I–539 “Application to Extend/Change Status,” and Form I–765 “Application for Employment Authorization.” Under Premium Processing Service, U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services guarantees that it will process designated petitions and applications, and classifications within these petitions and applications that U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services makes available for the service, within 15 calendar days for an additional processing fee of \$1,000.

**DATES:** This Notice is effective May 23, 2006.

#### FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Kristina Carty-Pratt, Adjudications Officer, Business and Trade, Office of Programs and Regulations Development, U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services, Department of Homeland Security, 111 Massachusetts Avenue, NW., 3rd Floor, Washington, DC 20001, telephone (202) 272–8400.

#### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

##### I. Background

U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) offers expedited processing of certain employment-based petitions and applications (hereinafter collectively referred to as “Forms”) through its Premium Processing Service. For an additional processing fee of \$1,000, Premium Processing Service guarantees that USCIS will process designated Forms, and designated classifications within these Forms, within 15 calendar days of receiving a Request for Premium Processing Service, Form I–907. *See* Immigration and Nationality Act (INA) sec. 286(u), 8 U.S.C. 1356(u); 8 CFR 103.2(f). USCIS designates Forms and classifications within these Forms as eligible for Premium Processing Service through

notices published in the **Federal Register**. 8 CFR 103.2(f)(2).

USCIS, by an interim rule published elsewhere in this issue of the **Federal Register**, has revised its procedures for designating Forms and classifications for Premium Processing Service. Pursuant to those revised procedures, USCIS is issuing this Notice to designate the following Forms and certain classifications within these Forms as eligible for Premium Processing Service: Form I–140 “Immigrant Petition for Alien Worker,” Form I–539 “Application to Extend/Change Nonimmigrant Status,” and Form I–765 “Application for Employment Authorization.” The designated classifications within these Forms that will be eligible for Premium Processing Service are described under the “Form Designations” heading of this **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION**.

USCIS will specify the dates on which the availability of Premium Processing Service for these designations begins and ends, and any other applicable conditions of availability for premium processing, via the USCIS Web site at <http://www.uscis.gov>.

##### II. Designations

###### A. Form I–140

Form I–140 is a petition filed with USCIS as the first step to obtaining permanent resident status based on employment. Form I–140 is filed by or on behalf of aliens seeking status within certain employment-based immigrant visa classifications created by section 203(b) of INA, 8 U.S.C. 1153(b). USCIS approval of a Form I–140 establishes that the alien seeking permanent resident status and, if applicable, his or her sponsoring employer, meet the qualification requirements. USCIS is designating the following classifications within Form I–140 as eligible for Premium Processing Service:

Designated classifications within Form I–140	Corresponding employment-based immigrant visa classifications <sup>1</sup>	Statutory description of immigrant visa classifications
Aliens of extraordinary ability .....	EB–1 .....	INA 203(b)(1)(A), 8 U.S.C. 1153(b)(1)(A).
Outstanding professors and researchers .....	EB–1 .....	INA 203(b)(1)(B), 8 U.S.C. 1153(b)(1)(B).
Multinational executives and managers .....	EB–1 .....	INA 203(b)(1)(C), 8 U.S.C. 1153(b)(1)(C).
Members of professions with advanced degrees or exceptional ability not seeking a National Interest Waiver.	EB–2 .....	INA 203(b)(2)(A), 8 U.S.C. 1153(b)(2)(A).
Skilled workers .....	EB–3 .....	INA 203(b)(3)(A)(i), 8 U.S.C. 1153(b)(3)(A)(i).
Professionals .....	EB–3 .....	INA 203(b)(3)(A)(ii), 8 U.S.C. 1153(b)(3)(A)(ii).

Designated classifications within Form I-140	Corresponding employment-based immigrant visa classifications <sup>1</sup>	Statutory description of immigrant visa classifications
Workers other than skilled workers and professionals .....	EB-3 .....	INA 203(b)(3)(A)(iii), 8 U.S.C. 1153(b)(3)(A)(iii).

<sup>1</sup> "EB" stands for "Employment-Based." The numbers 1, 2 or 3 correspond to the visa classifications described in sections 203(b)(1), (2), and (3) of the INA, 8 U.S.C. 1153(b)(1), (2), and (3).

USCIS is not designating EB-2 National Interest Waiver petitions as eligible for Premium Processing Service. *See* INA sec. 203(b)(2)(B), 8 U.S.C. 1153(b)(2)(B); 8 CFR 204.5(k)(4)(ii). These petitions are very complex and, therefore, require more than 15 calendar days to adjudicate.

#### B. Form I-539

Form I-539 is an application filed by aliens in the United States who are

applying for an extension of stay in their current nonimmigrant status or for a change of nonimmigrant status. *See* 8 CFR 214.1(c)(2) (extensions of stay); 8 CFR 248.3(b) (change in nonimmigrant status). Depending on the status requested, Form I-539 may be filed by a "principal" alien or by a "dependent" of a principal alien. USCIS uses the term "principal" alien to refer to an alien seeking to obtain status in the United States based upon his or her eligibility

for a particular visa classification. USCIS uses the term "dependent" to refer to an alien seeking to obtain status in the United States as a close relative, usually a spouse or child, of a "principal" alien. *See* INA sec. 101(a)(15), 8 U.S.C. 1101(a)(15).

USCIS is designating the Form I-539 for use in changing to or extending status in the following classifications within Form I-539 as eligible for Premium Processing Service:

Designated classification within Form I-539	Corresponding nonimmigrant visa classification <sup>2</sup>	Statutory description of nonimmigrant visa classification
Business visitors who are personal or domestic servants or foreign airline employees eligible for employment authorization pursuant to 8 CFR 274a.12(c)(17).	B-1 .....	INA 101(a)(15)(B)(i), 8 U.S.C. 1101(a)(15)(B)(i).
Exchange visitors who are professors, scholars, trainees, teachers, specialists, alien physicians, international visitors, government visitors, camp counselors, au pairs, and summer work travel (Applicable to those changing status only. Extensions of stay are requested through the Department of State.)	J-1 .....	8 CFR 274a.12(c)(17) INA 101(a)(15)(J), 8 U.S.C. 1101(a)(15)(J).
Dependents of designated J-1 exchange visitors (Applicable to those changing status only. Extensions of stay are requested through the Department of State.)	J-2 .....	INA 101(a)(15)(J), 8 U.S.C. 1101(a)(15)(J).
Dependents of E-1 treaty traders .....	E-1 .....	INA 101(a)(15)(E)(i), 8 U.S.C. 1101(a)(15)(E)(i).
Dependents of E-2 treaty investors .....	E-2 .....	INA 101(a)(15)(E)(ii), 8 U.S.C. 1101(a)(15)(E)(ii).
Dependents of H-1B specialty occupation workers, H-2B temporary skilled or unskilled workers, or H-3 trainee or special education trainee program workers.	H-4 .....	INA 101(a)(15)(H), 8 U.S.C. 1101(a)(15)(H).
Dependents of principal L-1 intracompany transferees (managers or executives (L-1A) or aliens with specialized knowledge (L-1B)).	L-2 .....	INA 101(a)(15)(L), 8 U.S.C. 1101(a)(15)(L).
Dependents of O-1 aliens with extraordinary ability in the arts, sciences, business, education or athletics, or O-2 essential support aliens.	O-3 .....	INA 101(a)(15)(O)(iii), 8 U.S.C. 1101(a)(15)(O)(iii).
Dependents of P-1 internationally recognized athletes or members of an internationally recognized entertainment group, P-2 artists or entertainers in a reciprocal exchange program, P-3 artists or entertainers in a program which is culturally unique, or any P-1, P-2, or P-3 essential support alien.	P-4 .....	INA 101(a)(15)(P)(iv), 8 U.S.C. 1101(a)(15)(P)(iv).
Dependents of R-1 temporary workers in a religious occupation .....	R-2 .....	INA 101(a)(15)(R), 8 U.S.C. 1101(a)(15)(R).
Dependents of TN nonimmigrants pursuant to the North American Free Trade Agreement (NAFTA).	TD .....	INA 214(e)(2), 8 U.S.C. 1184(e)(2).

<sup>2</sup> The nomenclature used in this column can be found in 8 CFR 214.1(a)(2).

The above classifications all relate to aliens who are eligible for employment authorization, employment authorized incident to status, or the dependents of such aliens. *See* 8 CFR 274a.12(b) and (c).

#### C. Form I-765

Form I-765 is an application filed by aliens who are employment authorized incident to status and are seeking an Employment Authorization Document (EAD), or aliens eligible for employment

authorization who are seeking both a grant of employment authorization and an EAD. *See* 8 CFR 274a.12(a) and (c). USCIS is designating the following classification within Form I-765 as eligible for Premium Processing Service:

Designated classification within Form I-765	Corresponding employment-based (EB) immigrant Visa classification	Statutory description of immigrant Visa classification
Aliens whose Form I-485, Application to Register Permanent Residence or Adjust Status, that is supported by an employment-based immigrant visa petition, is pending with USCIS and who are requesting a renewal of employment authorization.	EB-1 to EB-5 (with Form I-485 pending).	INA 203(b), 8 U.S.C. 1153(b). INA 245(a), 8 U.S.C. 1255(a). 8 CFR 274a.12(c)(9).

USCIS has determined that this classification falls within its authority in section 286(u) of the INA, 8 U.S.C. 1356(u), to provide Premium Processing Service to employment-based Forms. An approved Form I-765 would allow those aliens seeking to adjust status to that of a lawful permanent resident based on employment to accept new employment or continue their current employment while their adjustment application remains pending. Therefore, in this context, Form I-765 qualifies as an employment-based application as required by section 286(u) of the INA, 8 U.S.C. 1356(u).

In addition, extending Premium Processing Service to this classification will enable USCIS to improve its services to its business customers (*i.e.* employers who are sponsoring foreign-born workers). Using premium processing fees to provide services to business customers is another statutory requirement in section 286(u) of the INA, 8 U.S.C. 1356(u). These business customers want to be assured that their foreign-born workers will not have a break in employment or consider employment elsewhere. Allowing principal aliens and their dependents to secure renewal of employment quickly while their adjustment of status application remains pending, should ensure that the petitioning employers' sponsorship of the principal alien will continue until he or she has obtained lawful permanent resident status. This also should ensure that the principal alien can continue to work for the sponsoring employer for some time thereafter.

### III. Concurrently Filed Applications

The adjudication of some immigration forms relies upon the processing of other related forms. This is true of Form I-539 designated by this Notice. This section of the Supplementary Information discusses issues relating to this designation and related forms.

#### A. Concurrent Filing of Form I-765 With Form I-539

For aliens seeking an EAD from USCIS, Form I-765 normally cannot be filed until after the underlying petition or application has been approved. *See* 8

CFR 274a.1; 8 CFR 274a.13. USCIS has determined that, as a courtesy, it will permit certain classifications within Form I-539 designated by this Notice to file Form I-765 concurrently with Form I-539 that they are filing via Premium Processing Service. These classifications are: B-1 personal or domestic servants; B-1 airline employees; E-1 or E-2 dependent spouses; and L-2 spouses. Premium Processing Service, however, only applies to Form I-539; therefore, USCIS cannot guarantee that the concurrently filed Form I-765 will be processed within the same 15 calendar day period as Form I-539.

#### B. Concurrent Filing of Form I-539 for Dependents of Aliens With Forms I-129 Filed Under Premium Processing Service

As a courtesy, USCIS currently provides 15 calendar day processing for a dependent's Form I-539 concurrently filed with the principal alien's Petition for a Nonimmigrant Worker (Form I-129) for which an employer has requested Premium Processing Service, without charging an additional \$1,000 premium processing fee. Form I-129 is filed by employers seeking nonimmigrant workers who are either outside the United States or are changing status or extending their stay within the United States to perform temporary services or labor, or to receive training. *See* 8 CFR 214.1(c); 8 CFR 214.2(e), (h), (l), (o), (p) & (q); 8 CFR 248. Employers may request Premium Processing Service for Form I-129 within one of the following classifications: E-1 Treaty Trader; E-2 Treaty Investor; H-1B Temporary Worker with Specialty Occupation; H-2B Temporary Worker; H-3 Trainee; L-1 Intracompany Transferee; O-1 and O-2 Aliens of Extraordinary Ability or Achievement; P-1, P-2, and P-3 Athletes and Entertainers; Q-1 International Cultural Exchange Alien; R-1 Temporary Worker in Religious Occupations; and TN NAFTA Professional. *See* 66 FR 29682, 29683 (June 1, 2001).

While this Notice designates Form I-539 for Premium Processing Service with respect to many of the dependent classifications associated with these

principal alien classifications, USCIS nevertheless will continue the courtesy practice of processing Forms I-539 within 15 calendar days for any dependent classification filed concurrently with the principal alien's Form I-129 for which Premium Processing Service has been requested. Premium Processing Service only will apply to the Form I-129. Therefore, while USCIS may process a concurrently filed Form I-539 within the 15 calendar day Premium Processing Service period, USCIS does not guarantee such processing. USCIS will not issue a refund of the \$1,000 premium-processing fee submitted with the concurrently filed Form I-129 if the Form I-539 is not processed within 15 calendar days.

To ensure 15 calendar day processing rather than rely on courtesy processing, dependents filing eligible Forms I-539 should file a separate request for Premium Processing Service and \$1,000 processing fee.

#### Paperwork Reduction Act

Under the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, Public Law 104-13, 109 Stat. 163 (1995), all Departments are required to submit to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB), for review and approval, any reporting or recordkeeping requirements. This Notice does not impose any new reporting or recordkeeping requirements under the Paperwork Reduction Act.

USCIS anticipates that this Notice will increase the number of requests for Premium Processing Service using Form I-907. In calculating the overall burden this requirement will place upon the public, USCIS estimates an annual increase in the number of requests for Premium Processing Service of approximately 25%. USCIS has estimated that it will take approximately 0.25 hours to comply with the requirements of Form I-907. Accordingly, USCIS will submit the required Paperwork Reduction Change Worksheet (OMB-83C) to OMB reflecting the increase in the number of respondents.

Dated: May 4, 2006.

**Michael Chertoff,**

*Secretary.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT

[Docket No. FR-4665-N-30]

### Meeting of the Manufactured Housing Consensus Committee

**AGENCY:** Office of the Assistant Secretary for Housing-Federal Housing Commissioner, HUD.

**ACTION:** Notice of upcoming meeting.

**SUMMARY:** This notice sets forth the schedule and proposed agenda of an upcoming meeting of the Manufactured Housing Consensus Committee (the Committee). The meeting is open to the public and the site is accessible to individuals with disabilities.

**DATES:** Meetings will be held on Wednesday, June 14, 2006, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.; Thursday, June 15, 2006, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., and Friday, June 16, 2006, 8 a.m. to 11 a.m. eastern standard time.

**ADDRESSES:** These meetings will be held at the Holiday Inn Select Chantilly & Dulles Expo and Conference Center, 4368 Chantilly Shopping Center, Chantilly, Virginia 21053, telephone (703) 815-6060.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** William W. Matchneer III, Associate Deputy Assistant Secretary for Regulatory Affairs and Manufactured Housing, Office of Manufactured Housing Programs, Department of Housing and Urban Development, 451 7th Street, SW., Washington, DC 20410, telephone (202) 708-6409 (this is not a toll-free number). Persons who have difficulty hearing or speaking may access this number via TTY by calling the toll-free Federal Information Relay Service at (800) 877-8339.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** Notice of this meeting is provided in accordance with section 10(a)(2) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act (5 U.S.C. App. 2) and 41 CFR 102-3.150. The Manufactured Housing Consensus Committee was established under section 604(a)(3) of the National Manufactured Housing Construction and Safety Standards Act of 1974, as amended by the Manufactured Housing Improvement Act of 2000, 42 U.S.C. 4503(a)(3). The Consensus Committee is charged with providing recommendations to the Secretary to adopt, revise, and interpret

manufactured housing construction and safety standards and procedural and enforcement regulations, and with developing proposed model installation standards.

### Tentative Agenda

- A. Welcome and Introductions.
- B. Departmental Status Reports.
- C. Full Committee Meeting.
- D. Public Testimony.
- E. Reports and Actions on Committee Work.
- F. Adjourn.

Dated: May 12, 2006.

**Brian D. Montgomery,**

*Assistant Secretary for Housing-Federal Housing Commissioner.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

### Fish and Wildlife Service

#### Notice of Intent To Prepare a Comprehensive Conservation Plan and Environmental Assessment for Sullys Hill National Game Preserve, Devils Lake, ND

**AGENCY:** Fish and Wildlife Service, Interior.

**ACTION:** Notice of intent.

**SUMMARY:** The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (Service) intends to gather information necessary to prepare a Comprehensive Conservation Plan (CCP) and associated environmental documents for Sullys Hill National Game Preserve (NGP) located in Devils Lake, North Dakota. The Service is issuing this notice in compliance with its policy to advise other organizations and the public of its intentions, and to obtain suggestions and information on the scope of issues to be considered in the planning process.

**DATES:** Written comments should be postmarked by August 1, 2006.

**ADDRESSES:** Comments and requests for more information regarding Sullys Hill NGP should be sent to Laura King, Planning Team Leader, Tewaukon NWR, Division of Refuge Planning, 9754 143 1/2 Ave., SE., Cayuga, ND 58013-9764.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Laura King, Planning Team Leader, Tewaukon NWR, Division of Refuge Planning, 9754 143 1/2 Ave., SE., Cayuga, ND 58013-9764, or Linda Kelly, Chief, Branch of Comprehensive Conservation Planning, P.O. Box 25486, Denver Federal Center, Denver, Colorado 80225.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The Service has initiated the CCP for Sullys Hill NGP for the conservation and enhancement of its natural resources. This preserve is part of the National Wildlife Refuge System. The preserve has two establishing purposes including, Executive Order 3596, dated December 22, 1921, which states, “\* \* \* all the lands that are now reserved or may hereafter be included within the boundaries of the \* \* \* Sullys Hill Park Game Preserve \* \* \* are hereby further reserved and set apart for the use \* \* \* as a refuges and breeding ground for birds.” The second purpose is in the Act of March 3, 1931, establishing Sullys Hill NGP “\* \* \* as a big game preserve, refuge, and breeding ground for wild animals and birds \* \* \* provided that the same preserve is to be made available to the public for recreational purposes in so far as consistent with the use of this area as a game preserve: provided further, that hunting shall not be permitted on said game preserve.” This Refuge encompasses 1,674 acres encompassing both oak forest and prairie, a unique habitat type in North Dakota. When this preserve was established, bison and elk were stocked and are contained by a fence.

During the CCP process, management goals, objectives, and strategies will be developed to carry out the purposes of the preserve and to comply with laws and policies governing refuge management and public use of refuges.

The Service requests input as to which issues affecting management or public use should be addressed during the planning process. The Service is especially interested in receiving public input in the following areas:

(1) What do you value most about this preserve?

(2) What problems or issues do you see affecting management of this preserve?

(3) What changes, if any, would you like to see in the management of this preserve?

The Service has provided the above questions for your optional use. The Service has no requirement that you provide information; however, any comments received by the planning team will be used as part of the planning process.

Opportunities for public input will also be provided at a public meeting to be held at the Sullys Hill NGP Visitor Center on June 29, 2006, 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. If you would like to receive the project newsletter, please contact Laura King, Planning Team Leader, at the above address, by July 1, 2006.