



Thursday, June 4, 2009

**E-VERIFY/BASIC PILOT
MANDATE FURTHER
DELAYED**

The rule which would have mandated that most federal contractors and subcontractors use the e-verify system has been further delayed until September 8, 2009. For more detailed information about E-verify, please see our website and see our November 25, 2008 Immigration News Update.

**"LAST CALL" FOR NEW
H-1B VISA PETITIONS**

As there are some H-1B visa numbers still available for the coming immigration fiscal year, we are strongly recommending that if you have a potential candidate you should file a petition for

them as soon as possible. With many students graduating from universities this month and thus becoming eligible, we anticipate a large filing during the next few weeks and thus all the remaining numbers may become exhausted. Even if you've recently hired someone with Optional Practical Training (EAD card) that won't expire until next spring or summer, there is no assurance that things won't change back to the way they were for the last few years when obtaining an H-1B visa required a lucky selection in a lottery. If you'd like more information about this, please visit our website www.ggw.com

TRAVELERS BEWARE

Effective June 1, 2009, U.S.

citizens entering the U.S. via land and sea ports of entry will be required to have a travel document that is in compliance with the Western Hemisphere Travel Initiative. For more information about this please visit the Department of Homeland Security's website www.dhs.gov

**PERMANENT RESIDENT
CARD PRODUCTION
DELAYS**

USCIS is announcing that applicants may experience up to an eight week delay in the delivery of their permanent resident cards while USCIS is in the process of upgrading their card production equipment.