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Greetings!

This is the latest installment in our efforts to keep you apprised of the rapidly changing U.S. immigration environment. Some of the most recent changes could have a serious impact on you or your employees, and we urge you to communicate these changes to interested parties.

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The annual Diversity Visa program is accepting applications online from noon, (EDT), Tuesday, October 4, 2011 until noon (EDT) on November 5, 2011. All entries must be made via the U.S. Department of State's electronic DV Entry Form (E-DV) website at: www.dvlottery.state.gov. **No paper entries will be accepted.**

There are a total of 50,000 Diversity Visas each fiscal year designated for persons from countries with low rates of immigration to the United States.

Natives of the following countries will not be eligible to apply, because these countries sent more than 50,000 immigrants to the United States in the previous five years:

Bangladesh, Brazil, Canada, China (mainland-born), Colombia, Dominican Republic, Ecuador, El Salvador, Guatemala, Haiti, India, Jamaica, Mexico, Pakistan, Peru, Philippines, South Korea, United Kingdom (except Northern Ireland) and its dependent territories, and Vietnam.

Please note that the U.S. Department of State advises all applicants to apply in advance of the last week applications are

to be accepted. Heavy demand in the last week may result in website delays.

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