

**Supporting Statement**  
**E-Notification of Application/Petition Acceptance**  
**Form G-1145**  
**OMB Control No. 1615-0109**

**A. Justification:**

1. On June 25, 2009, President Obama announced that within 90 days, USCIS would implement a capability for customers to stay informed on the status of their applications using technologies such as email and text messages. The Form G-1145 is used by applicants and petitioners to provide their cell phone number and email address with their application or petition if they want to receive notification by email or text messaging.

Authority: Section 103(a) of the Immigration and Nationality Act (Act).

2. If an applicant or petitioner wants to be notified via email and/or text message on their cell phone that their application or petition has been accepted, they are requested to provide their email address and/or cell phone number on Form G-1145 and attach the form to their application or petition. USCIS will use this information as permission to send the e-notification within 24 hours of receipt of the application or petition.

The email or text message will not be the official notification. USCIS will send the official written notification via the U.S. Postal Service. (See Form G-1145).

3. The use of this notification provides the most efficient means for collecting and processing the required data. In this case USCIS does not employ the use of information technology in collecting and processing this information. However,

as USCIS revises its forms as part of the Business Transformation Project, the email address and cell phone number will be captured electronically on the application or petition.

4. The use of this notification provides the most efficient means for collecting and processing the required data.
5. This collection of information does not have an impact on small businesses or other small entities.
6. If the information is not collected USCIS will not be able to notify the applicant or petitioner immediately by email or text messaging that his or her application or petition had been accepted.
7. The special circumstances contained in item 7 of the supporting statement are not applicable to this information collection.
8. On December 14, 2010, USCIS published a 60-day notice in the Federal Register at 75 FR 77890. On March 3, 2011, USCIS published a 30-day notice in the Federal Register at 76 FR 11806. USCIS did not receive any comments on the 30-day notice. USCIS received one comment on the 60-day notice. The following is a discussion of the comment and USCIS response.

The commenter indicated that E-Notification of Application/Petition Acceptance is only useful to a layperson who files a single case. An attorney or recognized organization filing multiple cases cannot use Form G-1145. The email that USCIS sends or texts with a case number is useless since the applicant has to wait for the receipt before confirming the matching petitioner, beneficiary, or applicant to the receipt number.

The comment was sent to the appropriate USCIS program office. The program office reviewed and determined that it will consider addressing this comment when Form G-1145 is revised in the future.

9. USCIS does not provide payments or gifts to respondents in exchange for a benefit sought.
10. There is no assurance of confidentiality. The system of record notice associated with this information collection is United States Citizenship and Immigration Services Benefits Information System. Published in the Federal Register on September 29, 2008 at 73 FR 56596. The associated privacy impact assessment is USCIS Customer Relationship Interface System.

11. There are no questions of a sensitive nature.

12. **Annual Reporting Burden:**

- a. Number of Respondents  
1,000,000
- b. Number of Responses per each Respondent  
1
- c. Total Annual Responses  
1,000,000
- d. Hours per Response  
.05
- e. Total Annual Reporting Burden  
50,000

**Total annual reporting burden hours is 50,000.** This figure was derived by multiplying number of respondents (1,000,000) x (1) frequency of response x .05 (3 minutes ) per response.

13. There are no capital or start-up costs associated with this information collection. Any cost burdens to respondents as a result of this collection are identified in question 14.

14. **Annualized Cost Analysis:**

a.	Printing Cost		
		\$	0
b.	Collecting and Processing		
		\$	1,300,000
c.	Total Cost to Program		
		\$	1,300,000
d.	Fee Charge, if any	\$	
			0
e.	Total Annual Cost to Government	\$	
			1,300,000

**Government Cost**

**The estimated cost to the Government is \$ 1,300,000.** This figure is calculated as follows:

- Maintenance cost for email and text message capability \$1,300,000.

### **Public Cost**

**The estimated annual public burden cost is \$1,494,500.** This is based on the number of respondents 1,000,000 x (1) number of responses x .05 (3 minutes) per response x \$29.89 (average hourly rate). USCIS did not include the cost to the applicant/petitioner for text messaging since most cell phone users already pay for text messaging as part of their current cell phone agreement with their carrier. Accordingly, these users will not be billed by their carrier for receiving a text message from USCIS.

15. There is no increase or decrease in the annual burden hours previously reported for this information collection. There is no change in the information being collected.
16. USCIS does not intend to employ the use of statistics for this collection of information
17. USCIS will display the expiration date for this information collection.
18. USCIS does not request an exception to the certification of this information collection.

### **B. Collection of Information Employing Statistical Methods.**

Not Applicable.

### **C. Certification and Signatures**

## PAPERWORK CERTIFICATIONS

In submitting this request for OMB approval, I certify that the requirements of the Privacy Act and OMB directives have been complied with including paperwork regulations, statistical standards or directives, and any other information policy directives promulgated under 5 CFR 1320.

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