



## Immigration Law Update



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### **FAR E-Verify Delay**

There has been yet another delay in the effective date of the Federal Acquisition Regulation (FAR). This requires employers engaged in federal contracts to include a new clause in the federal contracts stating that the employer will enroll in E-Verify in order to verify the employment of their employees working on the federal projects and all new employees after enrollment. The regulations will be effective on May 21, 2009. It is critical that any employer who may be subject to the E-verify enrollment requirement conduct a self-audit of I-9s. We would be happy to assist you in this process.

### **Delay in Implementation of New I-9**

USCIS has revised the list of documents acceptable to verify employment eligibility and the new list was to be in effect February 2, 2009. USCIS has now delayed the effective date of this rule by 60 days to April 3, 2009. USCIS has also reopened the public comment period for 30 days until March 4, 2009.

### **New H-2B Regulations**

The Department of Homeland Security made the new regulations regarding H-2A and H-2B workers effective on January 18, 2009. Employers with H-2A and H-2B needs are unique. Please contact our office to get more information on how these new regulations impact your future H-2B petitions.

Please contact us if you have any questions:

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