

U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement

# **Student & Exchange Visitor Information System II** (SEVIS II) Batch Training Workshop

Student & Exchange Visitor Program (SEVP)/Office of Investigations (OI)

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- Where we are
- What's new in SEVIS II
- Project schedule
- Batch requirement issues
- Batch survey
- Questions

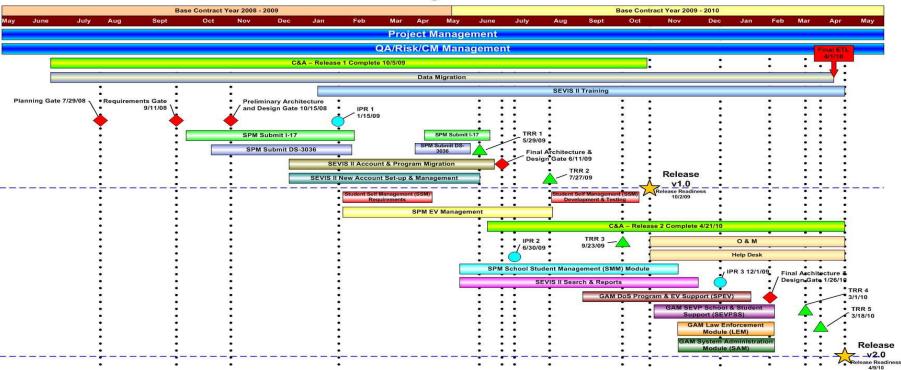


#### Employing iterative methodology

- 12 total products
- Requirements, design, develop, test activities happening concurrently
- Currently in requirements phase for two biggest products



#### **Project Schedule**



#### **SEVIS II High-level Schedule**

#### SEVIS II SLM Gates

VPlanning Gate Review 7/29/08
✓Requirements Gate Review 9/11/08
Preliminary Architecture and Design Gate Review 10/15/08
Test Readiness Review 1 5/29/09
Final Architecture & Design Gate 6/11/09
Test Readiness Review 2 7/27/09
Test Readiness Review 3 9/23/09
Release 1 Readiness Gate 10/2/09
Final Architecture & Design Gate 1/26/10
Test Readiness Review 4 3/1/10
Test Readiness Review 5 3/18/10
Release 2 Readiness Gate 4/9/10

#### SEVIS II Non-SLM Gates

Vintegrated Product Review 1 1/15/09 Integrated Product Review 2 6/30/09 Integrated Product Review 3 12/1/09



- Customer Account Goals
  - Enable the concept of "one person one record"
  - Facilitate a paperless system by providing all users an electronic signature
  - Allow students, exchange visitors, and dependents access to the system for the first time
  - Incorporate an electronic admissibility indicator in lieu of Form I-20 and DS-2019
  - Provide enforcement agencies an easier method of monitoring activities of nonimmigrant F, M, and J visitors
- To achieve these goals, all users will have an Immigration Identification Number (IIN)
- The IIN will be a unique identifier issued upon creation of a customer account



#### Customer Accounts

- Those involved in, or seeking benefits from, the immigration line of business will provide personal biographic information
- Core data elements will be used to associate historical records of legacy users with their customer account and linked to their IIN
- The current record, along with the historical records will be used to establish a single profile for a user
- The user will be forever associated with their IIN for all future dealing in the immigration line of business
- USCIS future business transformation will incorporate IINs into all facets of immigration benefits processing

#### Paperless

- No paper Forms I-17, I-20, DS-3036, DS-3037, DS-2019 or any other SEVIS related form for immigration purposes
- The printing of draft documents for review purposes will be possible
- Paperless process at the consulate, ports of entry, and in dealing with USCIS
- An official form for domestic purposes (DMV, banking, I-9 proof of employment, etc.) will be printable by School and Sponsor Officials on behalf of nonimmigrants



### Electronic Signatures

- Electronically signed forms and data elements can be sent via interface to other agencies
- Signatures can be authenticated immediately, while obtained from users worldwide
- Signatures will be obtained via a PIN number, established by the user while creating their customer account
- Each signature event will be accompanied by text describing exactly what the user is signing and the consequences of the action





### Student and EV Access to SEVIS II

- Nonimmigrants enter their own biographic information
- Students and Exchange Visitors will be responsible for updating their own addresses
- Students and Exchange Visitors will be able to send messages to school or program
- Students and Exchange Visitors will be able to view information on their school/program information as well as their status
- SEVIS II school or program information as well as immigration status information will be available



## Admissibility Indicators

- Border officials will have an electronic indicator about the standing of Student/Exchange Visitors trying to gain entry
- The indicator will be easy to interpret
  - Green nonimmigrant is admissible by SEVIS II standards, barring issues outside of SEVIS II they will be permitted entry
  - Yellow a second level of assessment is necessary
  - Red nonimmigrant is not permitted to enter at this time
- Indicator will be viewable by Students/Exchange Visitors
  - Additional help text will educate nonimmigrants as to the meaning of the indicator and any actions necessary to gain entry to US



- Biographic Information
  - Students/EVs provide biographic information for Account
  - How to transmit this back to your organization via batch
- Addresses
  - Students/EVs can change address
  - Notifications to School/Sponsor?
- Electronic Signatures
  - How will this be done
- Other issues?



- Survey developed with attendees of March Requirements conference
- Provide SEVP with better understanding of user needs and to identify issues and concerns
- Over 150 responses from organizations representing approximately 270,000 Students and Exchange Visitors
- Issues
  - "reverse batch"
  - Student input of data
- Desires
  - More frequent batch
  - Increased functionality OPT, transfers, etc.
- Timeline
  - 6 months to design and test