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NEXUS Joint Enrollment Center Opens in Lansdowne, Ontario

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Alexandria Bay, N.Y. - U.S. Customs and Border Protection officials announced today the opening of a joint NEXUS Enrollment Center located in Lansdowne, Ontario, opposite of the Alexandria Bay Port of Entry. The enrollment center will open for business on Monday, December 14.

The new enrollment center is designed to make obtaining a NEXUS border-crossing card easy and convenient for nearby residents on both sides of the border. The new center will compliment the existing center in Champlain, N.Y. to service the northern areas of New York State. The center will also provide current members an additional location to renew their application, which must be done every five years.

NEXUS is a joint CBP-Canada Border Services Agency program that both governments implemented to enhance border security while simplifying border crossings for pre-approved, low-risk travelers. More than 370,000 members participate in the program. The Champlain NEXUS enrollment center has enrolled more than 4,800 individuals and this new facility will provide increased enrollment capacity and accessibility for travelers to gain a Western Hemisphere Travel Initiative (WHTI) compliant document.

WHTI was implemented on June 1 and requires U.S. and Canadian citizens, age 16 and older to present a valid, acceptable travel document that denotes both identity and citizenship when entering the U.S. by land or sea. WHTI-compliant documents include a passport, U.S. passport card, Trusted Traveler Program card (NEXUS, SENTRI or FAST) or an enhanced driver's license. Children under the age of 16 can present an original or copy of their birth certificate. Visit the Western Hemisphere Travel Initiative page for more information. (Western Hemisphere Travel Initiative)

NEXUS travelers crossing the U.S./Canada border receive the added benefits of access to dedicated commuter lanes, expedited marine reporting and access to NEXUS kiosks at designated Canadian airports. Travelers can apply online at the NEXUS Program page. (NEXUS Program) Additionally, NEXUS information is available toll-free at **1-866-NEXUS 26** (**1-866-639-8726**).

The new enrollment center is located at 662 Highway 137 Lansdowne, ON Canada K0E 1L0. The hours of operation are Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday, 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. (excluding holidays). The dedicated auto lanes for NEXUS participants will be 6 a.m. to 8 a.m. and 4 p.m. to 6 p.m. Monday through Friday.

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