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FEDERAL TASK FORCE TO RELEASE REPORT CALLING FOR AN AMERICANIZATION MOVEMENT FOR THE 21ST CENTURY

Recommendations to President Bush Include Immigrant Integration

WASHINGTON – After more than two years of collaboration and initiatives among 20 federal agencies and stakeholders, the "*Task Force on New Americans*" will discuss its final report to President Bush, "*Building an Americanization Movement for the Twenty-first Century"* here on Thursday, December 18.

Recognizing immigration is a federal responsibility, but integration occurs in communities, the *Task Force* finds that successful integration involves a message of inclusion that emphasizes American civic principles and welcomes people from all backgrounds to fully become American.

Members of the *Task Force* will discuss their recommendations, including launching a national campaign to strengthen immigrant integration into American civic culture. The *Task Force* was guided by two themes that have defined America's immigration experience: First: Diversity makes America strong, but unity keeps America successful. Second: Citizenship is an identity and not simply a benefit.

The *Task Force on New Americans* is an interagency initiative, led by the Department of Homeland Security, to help immigrants learn English, embrace the common core of American civic culture, and fully become American.

WHO:
- Anna Escobedo Cabral, Treasurer of the United States;
- Michael Aytes, Acting Deputy Director, USCIS;
- Alfonso Aguilar, Chair of the *Task Force's* Technical Committee and Chief of USCIS' Office of Citizenship.

WHEN: Thursday, Dec. 18, 2008 at 11:30 a.m.

WHERE: U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services
Tomich Conference Center
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