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Worldwide Business Visa Center Now Online

The Department of State announces the latest step in our continuing effort to facilitate the issuance of visas for legitimate business travelers worldwide. The Business Visa Center, launched in July 2005 to assist businesses in the United States and their partners, customers, and colleagues around the world, is now accessible on the Internet at http://travel.state.gov/visa/temp/types/types_2664.html.

The web site outlines the Business Visa Center's role and the visa application process. It also provides answers to some frequently asked questions and explains how to contact the Business Visa Center.

The Business Visa Center assists businesses in the Unites States by providing information about the visa application process for business-related visitor visa travel to the United States. The Business Visa Center explains the process to companies wishing to invite employees, clients, and business partners to the United States. You can reach the Business Visa Center via e-mail at BusinessVisa@state.gov and via phone at (202) 663-3198.

More comprehensive and up-to-date information for businesses and the public, including wait times for visa interviews, visa processing times, specifics on how to apply, and programs for businesses in-country is available on most embassy web sites and on the travel.state.gov web site. U.S. Embassy web sites can be accessed through the travel.state.gov website. This information assists business travelers in planning for their interview appointment and travel to the United States. The new, online Business Visa Center is one more way the Department of State is encouraging legitimate international business travel and supporting U.S. commerce.

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