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Global Entry Program Debuts at Sea-Tac Airport

Pre-approved Air Travelers Receive Expedited Processing

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Seattle — U.S. Customs and Border Protection and the Port of Seattle today demonstrated a new clearance system for international air passengers at Seattle-Tacoma International Airport. Global Entry uses a risk-based approach to facilitate the entry of pre-approved U.S. citizens, lawful permanent residents of the U.S. and citizens of certain other countries. Global Entry now allows pre-screened, approved, registered travelers to receive expedited processing at Sea-Tac.

“Global Entry is a definite win-win for international travelers and for CBP,” said Michele James, director of the Seattle Field Office. “It provides pre-approved travelers an expedited clearance process and allows our CBP officers the ability to focus on processing other arriving passengers.”

Approved applicants present their machine-readable passport, submit their fingerprints for biometric verification, and make a declaration at the kiosk. Upon successful completion of the process at the kiosk, they are then directed to baggage claim and the exit, unless chosen for a selective or random secondary inspection.

To date, approximately 18,000 members have enrolled in the program. The Global Entry kiosks have been used more than 58,000 times at existing pilot locations. Global Entry reduces average wait times for CBP processing by 70 percent, with more than 75 percent of travelers using Global Entry processed in under five minutes.

The Global Entry process was piloted in 2008 at John F. Kennedy (JFK) International Airport, N.Y.; Washington Dulles International Airport, Dulles, Va.; and Houston Intercontinental Airport, Houston, Texas. Global Entry was later expanded to Miami, Atlanta, Los Angeles and Chicago. On August 24, CBP expanded the program to 13 additional international U.S. airports. Global Entry is now available at Detroit, Dallas, Newark, San Francisco, Boston, Orlando, Honolulu, Las Vegas, Orland-Sanford, Philadelphia, San Juan and Fort Lauderdale, as well as Sea-Tac.

Additional information on the Global Entry program (including enrollment application) is available on the CBP Web site. ([Global Entry Program](#))

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