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CBP and CBSA Announce the Opening of FAST Enrollment Center in Warroad, Minnesota

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Warroad, Minn. - U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) and Canada Border Services Agency (CBSA) is announcing the opening of a Free and Secure Trade (FAST) enrollment center at the port of Warroad, Minn. The FAST enrollment center will open August 1, 2010.

The FAST enrollment center will be located at the Warroad Port of Entry and will be open Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday 8:00 a.m. (CST) to 4:00 p.m. (CST) and Thursdays 8:00 a.m. (CST) to 8:00 p.m. (CST).

The FAST program is a joint initiative between U. S. Customs and Border Protection and the Canada Border Services Agency that allows pre-screened, low-risk travelers to be processed with less delay by United States and Canadian officials at designated commercial highway lanes at high-volume border crossing locations. Approved applicants are issued a FAST card which they present to the CBP officer when they arrive at the port of entry and proceed to make their declaration.

The FAST cards have enhanced security features that allow U.S. and Canadian citizen cardholders to comply with the documentary requirements under the Western Hemisphere Travel Initiative (WHTI).

The FAST program is a binational program, and so to participate, both the United States and Canada must approve an individual's application. Denial of an application by either country will keep an individual from participating in the FAST program.

Applicants need to complete an-online application form. Qualified applicants are required to visit a FAST enrollment center for an interview.

Interviews can be scheduled on-line using the Global On-line enrollment system located on the FAST Web site. (FAST Driver Program) Applicants can contact the Warroad Port of Entry at **(218) 386-2796** if they have any question on the FAST program.

The FAST program is available to commercial drivers crossing both the northern and southern borders. Currently, the program has more than 86,000 members.

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