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**From:** CRCLOutreach [mailto:Crcloutreach@dhs.gov]  
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**To:** CRCLOutreach  
**Subject:** Announcing LEP Stakeholder Meeting

Dear Colleagues:

I'm very pleased to invite you to a meeting on **April 7, 2011, from 9 to 11 am**, at the **Office for Civil Rights and Civil Liberties (CRCL), at 131 M Street NE, Washington, DC**, to receive your input on the language assistance needs of limited English proficient (LEP) persons served or encountered in Department of Homeland Security (DHS) activities. I'll be joined by representatives from components and offices across DHS who interact with LEP individuals in the course of carrying out their operations and activities, including from the Transportation Security Administration (TSA), U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP), U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS), U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE), Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA), and others.

As many of you are aware, Executive Order 13166, *Improving Access to Services for Persons with Limited English Proficiency* (Aug. 11, 2000), requires federal agencies to examine the services they provide, identify any need for services to LEP persons, and develop and implement a system to provide meaningful access to those services for LEP individuals. My office is leading the development of a plan that meets these requirements. The April 7, 2011, meeting is designed to give you an opportunity to provide input into the development of this plan, including recommendations for strengthening and increasing language access for eligible LEP persons to the Department's programs.

Executive Order 13166 also requires agencies to promulgate guidance for recipients of assistance under Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 to ensure meaningful participation by LEP persons, following guidance published by the U.S. Department of Justice in 2002. DHS published a draft of this guidance for public comment in the Federal Register in June of 2010, and comments have been addressed in the final guidance to be published shortly in the Federal Register in the coming weeks. This guidance covers not only grants but also training, use of equipment, donations of surplus property, and other assistance. While there is no longer an opportunity to provide formal comments on the recipient guidance, time permitting, I welcome hearing additional insights and recommendations pertaining to recipients' compliance with the obligations under Title VI at the April 7, 2011, meeting.

If you plan on attending, please RSVP to Rebekah Tosado at [Rebekah.Tosado@dhs.gov](mailto:Rebekah.Tosado@dhs.gov) or (202) 357-7792 by April 4, 2011. Please include the following information with your response:

Name

Title

Organization

DHS Homeland Security mission area(s) in which you will offer comments. DHS mission areas include:

Mission 1: Preventing Terrorism and Enhancing Security

Mission 2: Securing and Managing Our Borders

Mission 3: Enforcing and Administering Our Immigration Laws

Mission 4: Safeguarding and Securing Cyberspace

Mission 5: Ensuring Resilience to Disasters

If you can tell us more about your intended comments, that would be helpful as we organize the meeting. (For more information about the five homeland security missions and associated goals, visit: [www.dhs.gov/qhsr](http://www.dhs.gov/qhsr).)

A conference line will be available for persons unable to attend in person, but we very much encourage your in-person participation. In addition, should you wish to provide written comments, these may be sent to CRCL electronically at [CRCLOutreach@dhs.gov](mailto:CRCLOutreach@dhs.gov) by April 15, 2011. Please include "Comments on DHS LEP Plan" in the subject line of your email.

Requests for accommodations may be addressed to Ms. Tosado.

Sincerely,

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DHS Officer for Civil Rights and Civil Liberties

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