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For Federal Contractors



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Agenda

E-Verify & FAR – The FAR Clause Federal Contractor Responsibilities An E-Verify Case Employee Rights





What is E-Verify?

- No-cost Internet based system
- Fast & easy to use

Electronically verifies the employment eligibility of

- Newly hired employees
- Existing employees assigned to work on a qualifying Federal contract
- Helps maintain a legal workforce
- Protects jobs for authorized workers

Partnership between the U.S. Department of Homeland Security and the Social Security Administration







E-Verify & the FAR E-Verify Clause

Federal Acquisition Regulation (FAR) final rule requires that as of **September 8, 2009** federal contractors with contracts containing the FAR **E-Verify clause** must use E-Verify as a condition of their contract

FAR E-Verify Clause: 48 C.F.R. 52.222-54





Affected Contracts Prime Contracts

- Awarded or modified on or after September 8, 2009 to include the FAR E-Verify Clause
 - Value above **\$100,000**
 - Period of performance of **120 days or more**
 - At least some of the contract work is performed in the United States
 - Does not include contracts for Commercially available off-the-shelf (COTS) items and related services





Affected Contracts Subcontracts

- Prime contract contains the FAR E-Verify clause
- The FAR E-Verify clause flows down to all tiers of subcontracts
- Prime contractor is responsible for insuring that the FAR E-Verify clause is included in qualifying subcontracts





Affected Contracts Subcontracts

- Value of more than \$3,000
- Contract is for commercial or noncommercial services or construction
- At least some of the contract work is performed in the United States
- Does not include contracts for Commercially available off-the-shelf (COTS) items and related services





Affected Contracts Indefinite Delivery / Indefinite Quantity

- Existing contract
- Period of performance extends at least six months after September 8, 2009
- Substantial amount of work or number of orders expected during remaining performance period
- Contract may be bi-laterally modified to include the FAR E-Verify clause





Federal Contractor Responsibilities

- For a contract with the FAR E-Verify clause awarded on or after September 8, 2009 verify
 - All existing employees working on the contract
 - All new employees hired after the date of enrollment in E-Verify
 - Entire workforce

Special Category Employers

 May limit verifications to new & existing employees assigned to contract

Institutions of Higher Learning	State & Local Governments
Federally Recognized Indian Tribes	Sureties





Enroll or Update Your Company Profile







How to enroll

Go to www.dhs.gov/E-Verify

Under Tools click E-Verify Enrollment







Determining who to verify

Verify existing employees

- Hired after November 6, 1986
- Working in the United States
- Performing direct substantial work on a contract containing the FAR E-Verify clause
- Includes short term & temporary employees





Determining who to verify Step 1 – The workforce – Am I going to verify...

...my entire workforce (all new hires and all existing employees throughout the company)

...All new hires organization wide and existing employees assigned to the Federal contract





Determining who to verify Step 2 – Employees you don't run through E-Verify

- Hired on or before November 6, 1986 who are continuing in employment
- Already confirmed as Employment Authorized who are continuing in employment





Determining who to verify Step 3 – Employees you may choose not to verify

- New & existing employees with an <u>active</u> confidential, secret, or top secret security clearance OR HSPD-12 compliant credentials
- Existing employees who perform support work (administrative, overhead, indirect)





Things to remember

Ensure your contract has the FAR E-Verify Clause before verifying existing employees

Note your <u>enrollment date</u>

 90 calendar days from enrolling or updating your company profile to enter Form I-9 information for new & existing employees

180 calendar days from choosing Entire Workforce to verify entire workforce





Form I-9 & existing employees

Option I Complete new Forms I-9 for all employees who will be run in E-Verify

Option II Complete new Forms I-9 when required and update existing Forms I-9 when allowed

When completing new Forms I-9

- Current rules for Form I-9 apply (e.g. no expired documents)
- Use Form I-9 with (Rev. 02/02/09) or (Rev. 08/07/09) expiration date for both forms is 08/31/2012





- Form I-9 & existing employees Option II: When to complete a new Form I-9
 - The employee presented an expired document on a previous Form I-9
 - Employment authorization as stated in Section 1 has expired
 - The List B document previously submitted did not have a photo or you are unable to determine if it had a photo
 - The employee is a Noncitizen National and was unable to separately attest to that status on a previous Form I-9





Form I-9 & existing employees Option II: When to complete a new Form I-9

- The employee presented a document such as a Certificate of Naturalization or Form I-688 that was acceptable at the time of completion of the previous Form I-9, but is no longer acceptable
- The employee's immigration status has changed.
- The employee's name has changed
- The previous Form I-9 did not conform to I-9 requirements at time of completion





Form I-9 & existing employees Option II: Updating a previous Form I-9

If your employee...

...presented an *unexpired* Form I-551 (Permanent Resident Card) or Form I-766 (Employment Authorization Document) and it is still unexpired, photocopy the document & keep it with the employee's Form I-9

...did not provide his or her Social Security Number (SSN) or if the employee claims that the number was changed by SSA, the employee should update Section 1 with the current SSN





Form I-9 & existing employees Option II: Updating a previous Form I-9

If your employee...

...indicates his or her Alien number has been changed by the DHS, update Section 1 with the current Alien number

...presented an unexpired Form I-551 or U.S. Passport & the document has since expired, you may not request the employee to present an unexpired version of either document





How does it work?

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Form I-9







An E-Verify case Initial verification results will be

Employment Authorized	SSA Tentative Nonconfirmation (TNC)	DHS Verification in Process
The employee is authorized to work	There is an information mismatch	DHS will usually respond within 24 hours with either
You record the system-generated verification number on Form I-9 and resolve the case in E-Verify		Employment Authorized or DHS Tentative Nonconfirmation





Handling a TNC

- Inform the employee of the TNC
- Print the TNC Notice and review it with the employee

CONTEST	NOT CONTEST
Refer employee to appropriate agency	You may terminate the employee and close the case in E-Verify





Handling a TNC

- The employee has eight Federal Government workdays from the referral date to visit or call the appropriate agency and resolve the discrepancy
- The employee continues to work in full status during the TNC resolution process
- <u>DO NOT</u> take any adverse action based on the TNC against the employee during the resolution process





Handling a TNC

Once the employee resolves the record discrepancy, he/she should inform you Check E-Verify periodically for one of the following responses

Employment Authorized

Review & Update Employee Data

Case in Continuance

DHS Verification in Process

DHS No Show

Final Nonconfirmation





Employer responsibilities

- Unless you are a Federal Contractor with FAR E-Verify Clause only use E-Verify to verify <u>new</u> hires
- Once you begin using E-Verify, you must verify new employees no later than the 3rd business day after the employee begins working for pay
- You must apply E-Verify procedures to ALL new hires, regardless of citizenship status





Posters

This Employer Participates in E-Verify E-Verify.

This employer will provide the Social Security Administration (SSA) and, if necessary, the Department of Homeland Security

Employers may not use E-Verify to pre-screen job applicants or

to re-verify current employees and may not limit or influence the

choice of documents presented for use on the Form F9.

1-888-464-4218

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(DHS), with information from each new employee's Form I-9 to confirm work authorization

IMPORTANT: If the Government cannot confirm that you are authorized to work. this employer is required to provide you written instructions and an opportunity to contact SSA and/or DHS before taking adverse action against you, including terminating your employment.

this employer uses E-Verify's photo screening tool to match NOTICE:

all employers to verify the identity and of all persons hired to work

you during the ventfication process based upon your national origin or citizenship status, please call the Office of Special Counsel at 1-800-255-7688 (TDD: 1-800-237-2515).

in order to determine whether Form F9 documentation is valid

(USCIS) photograph.

the photograph appearing on some

permanent resident and employment

authorization cards with the official U.S. Citizenship and immigration Services'

If you believe that your employer has

violated its responsibilities under this

program or has discriminated against

You should know that -No employer can deny you a job or fire you because of your national origin or

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In most cases employers

cannot require you to be a

U.S. citizen or permanent

If any of these things have nappened to you, you may have a valid charge of discrimination that can be filed with the OSC. Contact

IF YOU HAVE THE RIGHT TO WORK, Don't let anyone take it away.

> Call 1-800-255-7688.TDD for the hearing impaired is 1-800-237-2515. in the Washington, D.C., the OSC for assistance in your own language. area, please call 202-616-5594, TDD 202-616-5525

> > Or write to:

U.S. Department of Justice

950 Pennsvivania Ave. N.W.

Vashington, DC 20530

U.S. Department of Justice Civil Rights Division Office of Special Counsel for Immigration-Related Unfair

Employment Practices





rk in the United States,

there are laws to protect

you against discrimination





Employee rights

The employee has the <u>right</u> to contest a tentative nonconfirmation (TNC) from SSA or DHS

Employees who believe they have been subjected to discrimination should call

Department of Justice Civil Rights Division Office of Special Counsel for Immigration Related Unfair Employment Practices 1-800-255-7688 (TDD: 1-800-237-2515)





E-Verify Information

Customer Support: (888) 464-4218

E-Verify E-Mail: <u>E-Verify@dhs.gov</u>

E-Verify Website: <u>www.dhs.gov/E-Verify</u>





Disclaimer

Immigration law can be complex and it is not possible to describe every aspect of the process

This presentation provides basic information to help you become generally familiar with the rules and procedures

For more information on the law and regulations please see our website: www.dhs.gov/E-Verify





Thank You