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SEVIS NOTICE- December 4, 2009

All SEVIS Users:

This message is to provide an update on the status of the SEVIS II project. SEVIS II will not go online in February 2010. While the project continues to progress, circumstances are causing the current timeline to change.

The complexity of SEVIS II, adding customer account functionality, and enhancing quality assurance are the root causes for reevaluating the schedule. We are still working within ICE and DoS to revise the schedule and obtain DHS approval. When the new schedule can be released, we will notify you through another broadcast message and post it on the SEVP Web site (www.ice.gov/sevis).

Please note: SEVIS II will still be unveiled in two phases, which are referred to as Initial Operating Capability (IOC) and Final Operating Capability (FOC).

During IOC, current SEVIS users will create their SEVIS II accounts. Current users include school officials, responsible officers, and current students, exchange visitors and dependents. Officials at SEVP-certified schools and DoS designated sponsors will also use this time to verify data on the migrated Form I-17 and Form DS-3036. In the case of school officials, this will also entail entering new data on the SEVIS II Form I-17. The newly revised timeline will provide SEVP and DoS with additional time to provide stakeholders with information and materials on the transition to the new system.

SEVP and DoS are developing training resources to aid stakeholders in account setup and the data migration process. These future training resources will be delivered in a variety of ways, including webinars, conference participation, and on the SEVP Web site.

We anticipate rolling out these training features over the next several months. In addition to those training resources, SEVP will be providing school officials with a spreadsheet containing all data elements on the Form I-17 for SEVIS II. At a minimum, these spreadsheets will allow school officials to identify the information that they will need to begin collecting in order to input the necessary data into the SEVIS II Form I-17 during IOC.

The staffs at SEVP, DoS, and the SEVIS II development team are committed to providing an enhanced system that will benefit the academic and law enforcement communities and delivering SEVIS II in an organized, timely fashion. When each milestone is reached, we are eager to inform the academic and sponsor communities of the latest developments and where applicable, inform all of any impending delays and the reasoning behind those delays.

Another source of up-to-date information is the Yahoo User Group (<http://groups.yahoo.com/group/sevisii/>). This group is a way of participating in the ongoing development of requirements for the functionality supporting school officials and offers stakeholders with the opportunity to participate in the process while also receiving timely updates from the SEVIS II development team. You must subscribe to participate in this group (it is free). Also, creation of a Yahoo email account is not necessary – any e-mail account will work. This forum is moderated by the SEVIS II development team and it is used by the academic community to ask questions, obtain feedback and get more frequent project information.

We will provide additional information as it becomes available. Please watch for updates on the SEVP Web site, broadcast messages and announcements of upcoming webinars.

Should you have any questions not covered here, please e-mail SEVP at sevis.source@dhs.gov with “SEVIS II Update” in the subject line. We will be sure to address your questions or concerns in a timely manner.

Thank you.

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