

U.S. CITIZENSHIP & IMMIGRATION SERVICES (CIS) ANNOUNCES RETURN OF PREMIUM PROCESSING SERVICE OPTION FOR MOST I-140 IMMIGRANT VISA PETITIONS

On June 22, 2009, U.S. Citizenship & Immigration Services (CIS) announced the return of premium processing services for most types of I-140 Immigrant Visa Petitions. Previously the CIS had discontinued premium processing of most Immigrant Visa Petitions due to the Service's inability to meet the demand for premium processing services during an extended period of high-volume petition filings.

Beginning June 29, 2009, the CIS will again offer premium processing services for all Immigrant Visa Petitions except those seeking Employment-Based, First Preference (EB-1) Multi-national Manager or Executive classification, and those seeking a National Interest Waiver of the labor certification process on behalf of Aliens with Advanced Degrees or Exceptional Ability.

Premium processing service requests must be accompanied by an additional \$1,000 CIS government filing fee. With premium processing, the CIS guarantees to take action on the petition within 15 calendar days of receipt of the petition for filing.

To request an upgrade to premium processing service for qualifying Immigrant Visa Petitions pending with U.S. CIS, contact your Foster Quan immigration attorney. Foster Quan will continue to monitor availability of premium processing services and will make future information available via future Immigration Updates[©] and on [our firm's website](#).