



# 12th Washington International Education Conference

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# SEVP Policy

- Engaging Stakeholders
  - Draft Guidance Campaign
- Feedback Process
  - Efficient, timely and beneficial
- A Look Ahead
  - Feedback opportunities on Study in the States
  - StudyintheStates.dhs.gov/draft-guidance





#### SEVP School Certification

- Initials and Updates
  - Committed to reducing wait times
- Recertification
  - Update on the first and second cycles of recertification
- Best Practices
  - Communication is key
  - Trends





#### SEVP Analysis & Operations Center

- Remaining Compliant
  - Best practices
  - English as a second language (ESL) update
  - Out of cycle reviews & site visits
- The Field
  - ICE CTCEU: Project Campus Sentinel
  - FBI JTTF: Campus Liaison Initiative





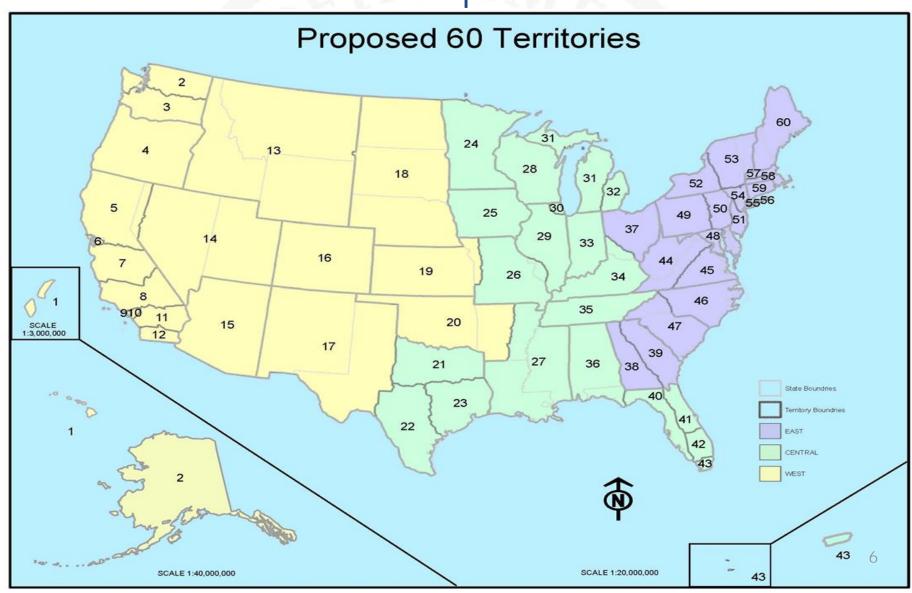
### SEVP Field Representatives

- Implementation Schedule
  - Mid-2014
- Mission
  - Liaison between SEVP & schools
- Regions
  - 60 field reps in 3 regions (east, west, central)
- Hiring
  - USAJOBS.gov





#### SEVP Field Representatives







## SEVP SEVIS Help Desk

- Tier 1 vs. Tier 2
  - Tier 1: General SEVIS questions
  - Tier 2: For additional troubleshooting
- Correction Requests
  - Additional information required
- Best Practices
  - Responsiveness is key
- Looking Ahead
  - In 2014, SEVP will transition the SEVIS Help Desk into the SEVP Response Center located in the Washington, DC area





#### **SEVIS Enhancements**

- Improve operability & usability
  - Related to user feedback
  - Addressing key functionalities
  - Upgraded performance enhancements
- Future communications
  - Director's message
  - Webinar series





## Intergovernmental Coordination

- Integrated & consistent collaboration
  - DHS Office of Academic Engagement
  - U.S. Customs and Border Protection
  - U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services
  - U.S. Department of State





#### Government Resources

- Study in the States
  - Draft Guidance Campaign
  - Webinars and Live Q&A sessions
  - Social media platforms
    - Twitter: @StudyinStates
    - Facebook: Facebook.com/StudyintheStates
    - Blog: StudyintheStates.dhs.gov/blog
      - Watch our new SEVP 101 video here
- SEVP Publications
  - SEVP Spotlight (Quarterly)
  - SEVP Conference Bulletin (Monthly)





#### SEVP Values Your Feedback

- Stakeholder Satisfaction Survey
  - StudyintheStates.dhs.gov/schools/conferences/survey





#### Pre-Submitted Questions





 Can you give us a brief update of what's on the cutting edge, in terms of programming, at the Student and Exchange Visitor Program?





• In what stage of development is SEVIS II?





• What do the higher education community and nonprofit agencies need to know as SEVP moves forward?





 Should the higher education community and nonprofits expect to see additional costs in order to maintain their current F and J programs?





• Is there any plan to include other visa categories to SEVIS, such as H, O, TN, TD, etc?





#### Question & Answer

- For case specific questions, contact the SEVP Response Center
  - SEVP@ice.dhs.gov
  - **-** 703-603-3400
  - Monday through Friday, 7:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. ET, except holidays
- For technical issues, contact the SEVIS Help Desk
  - **-** 800-892-4829
  - Monday through Friday, 7:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. ET, except holidays