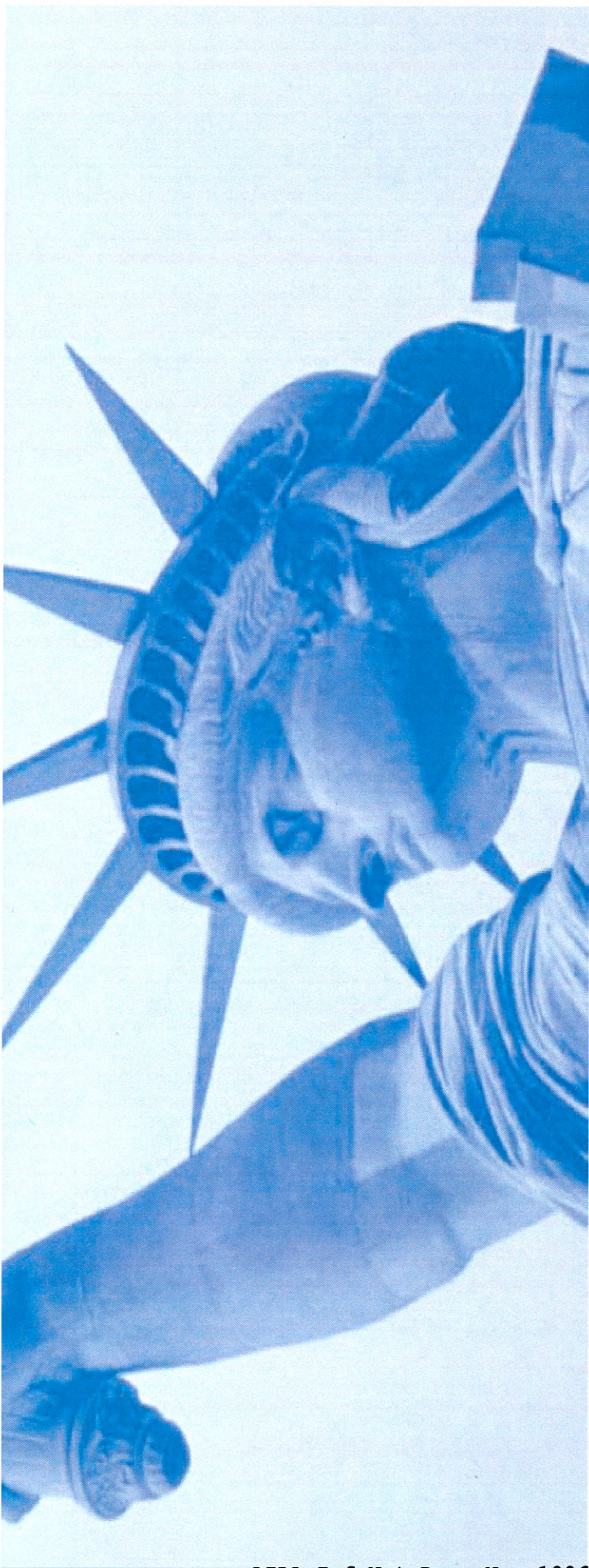




Administrative Site Visit and Verification Program (ASVVP)

Fraud Detection & National Security Directorate



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Briefing Content

- **Background**
- **What has been done to date?**
- **What have we learned?**
- **What are the key issues?**
- **Where are we going?**



ASVVP Background

- ASVVP was implemented on July 22, 2009
- **What is the ASVVP?**
 - ✓ 100% pre-adjudication site inspections of religious worker petitions, per location
 - ✓ Random post-adjudication site inspections of H-1B petitions (change/extensions of status)
- **What is the primary focus/objective?**
 - ✓ To verify the bonafides of the organization, job offer, and employment of beneficiary
 - o Physical existence of the organization
 - o On-site awareness of the petition and beneficiary
 - ✓ Site Inspectors only gather basic information pertinent to the petition



- **Who conducts site inspections?**

- ✓ Now, there are approximately 400 Contract Site inspectors (CSIs) cleared to perform site inspections
- ✓ Transitioning to predominantly (80%) Government Site Inspectors (GSIs) by FY12



ASVVP Background (cont'd)

- **Roles and Responsibilities**

- ✓ **HQFDNS:** Responsible for developing and maintaining policies and procedures that govern the conduct of the ASVVP. This includes setting priorities, goals and objectives, and developing and administering the metrics necessary to measure compliance and performance.
- ✓ **SCOPS and OFO:** Responsible for directing and monitoring day-to-day operational activities of the ASVVP.

- **Process**

- ✓ Petitions are selected and assigned to Site Inspectors by the CFDOs in Vermont and California
- ✓ CSIs submit their findings electronically to the CFDO via a Compliance Review Report (CRR)
- ✓ The CRRs are reviewed by FDNS Immigration Officers at the CFDOs for a determination:
 - o **Verified:** goes to Adjudications if pre-Adjudication, or returned to appropriate storage shelf if post-Adjudication
 - o **Not-Verified:** goes to Adjudications to take adverse action or to FDNS for further action if insufficient info



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What have we learned?

- ✓ SIs Assigned to Contractors - 16,483
- ✓ SIs Completed by Contractors - 15,733 (95%)
- ✓ Cases Reviewed by CFDOs - 12,616 (80%)
- ✓ Cases Verified by CFDOs - 11,218 (89%)
- ✓ Cases Not Verified - 1,398 (11%)
 - Religious Worker - 55 (7%)
 - H-1B - 1,343 (11%)
 - Referred to FDNS (fraud indicators) - 219 (2%)
 - Referred to Adjudications (NOID/NOIR) - 1,179 (9%)
- ✓ Status of Cases Referred to Adjudication
 - 127 (11%) Initial Approval Reaffirmed
 - 725 (61%) Adverse Action (Denied, NOID, Revoked, NOIR)
 - 327 (28%) Pending review & determination