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The U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) has engaged green (environmental) modernization. The first phase of USCIS Electronic Immigration System (USCIS ELIS) is launched today (May 22, 2012). USCIS ELIS is the new online immigration system.

Starting today, USCIS ELIS allows certain applicants to file their applications online (currently limited to Form I-539, Application to Extend/Change Nonimmigrant Status) and submit I-539 filing fee online. Applicants who are currently eligible to use USCIS ELIS include those who wish to be in the United States (USA) temporarily for business, pleasure/vacation, study, and medical treatment.

Eventually, all USCIS immigration applications can be filed online via USCIS ELIS but their inclusions will be implemented in stages.

Currently, USCIS receives about 6 to 7 million applications each year, with most of them done via paper filings by mail where paper files are shipped between various locations for USCIS review and adjudication. The transformation from USCIS paper-based filings to online filings will streamline USCIS immigration processes. With online filings and the elimination of paper filings, USCIS employees can review and adjudicate applications from multiple locations. USCIS ELIS will improve efficiency and reduce case processing time, and adds customer satisfaction such as,

among other things, customer-friendly features of receiving notices and updating profile online.

Optional paper filings are still available especially for applicants without access to computers.

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