# The *electronic* Travel Document System (eTD)

— The Consular Corps



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# Objectives

- Understand the eTD system
- Identify mutually beneficial outcomes
- Discuss next steps and share relevant points of contact



# **Historical Method**

- Travel Document (TD) Request Package is prepared by Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) Officers and mailed or hand delivered to Consulate Officer
- Enclosed are documents/photocopies of:
  - Charging Document
  - Removal order
  - Form I-217, Information for Travel Document or Passport
  - Any other miscellaneous documents for consular review



# Challenges

- Inefficient
- Time consuming
- Lack of tracking and recordkeeping
- Resource intensive for consulates



#### **Opportunity for Improvements**



# The eTD Concept





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- Offers a streamlined way to deliver travel document request packages over the Internet
- Expedites review/edit and issuance of travel documents
- Provides biographic and biometric information relevant to determining citizenship
- Automates a paper-based process
- Cost-effective manner to verify nationality

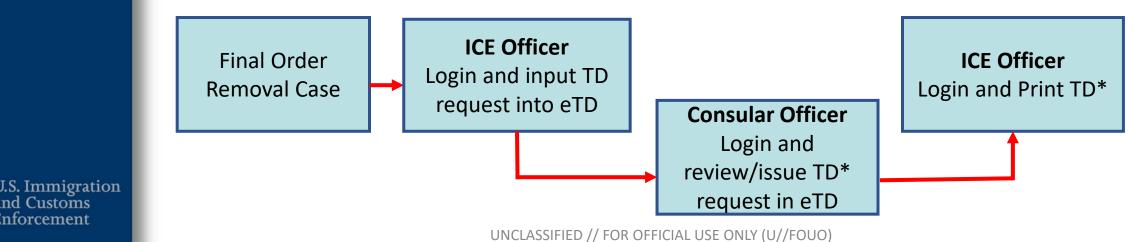




#### Two Groups, Three Basic Steps with eTD

Enforcement and Removal Operations (ERO)/ICE Officer Foreign Consular Offices

- 1. ERO/ICE Officer uploads eTD request package in eTD system
- 2. Consular Officer reviews and issues travel document in eTD system
- 3. ERO/ICE Officer prints the travel document from the eTD system



# **Counselor Welcome Page**



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6	001234560			21 Mar 2013	GOMEZ-LOPEZ	JAVIER	01 Jan 1965	Washington	Washington, DC	ATLANTA DIST. HOLD RM	
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Batch Issue

#### **Efficiencies and Effectiveness**

- Provides a historical record for all travel documents processed through the system
- Expedites the removal process through electronic transmission of documents and enables single batch issuances
- Provide a **document management system** to store documents, standardize all documents, and quickly share information
- Protects all information through secure Internet environment
- **Reduces** the cycle time historically required to exchange documents
- Creates reports on all travel-processed document packages



#### **Consulate Benefit**

- Streamlines travel document processing, leading to faster repatriation and reduced citizen detention times
- Enables the Embassy and Ministry of Foreign Affairs to view travel document requests for all consulate locations within the United States
- Allows for quick identification of individuals associated with **INTERPOL** Notices and increases government-to-government information exchanges
- Improves use of resources by eliminating cumbersome paper requirements
- Provides an easy way to quickly identify important statistics, e.g., how many travel packages were created at each location and how many were denied



# **Initiating eTD Partnership**

A Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) will be completed by each participating government. The MOU will specify system security through encryption and other system safeguards and will detail expected behaviors of the parties with respect to safeguarding information.





# **Next Steps**

- Set up IT demo
- Share draft MOU
- Exchange contact information:
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