

U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services

Advisory

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USCIS TO WELCOME 24 NEW CITIZENS

Ceremony Highlights the American Dream in Action

PORTLAND, OR – A group of 24 Oregon residents from twelve countries will take the Oath of Allegiance and become United States citizens during a ceremony this Friday at Portland's U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) office, 511 N.W. Broadway. The ceremony will commemorate Citizenship Day. Retired Brigadier General Fred Rosenbaum will speak to the new citizens.

The Portland USCIS District Office processed 4,500 successful applicants for citizenship in the one-year period starting October 1, 2002.

On March 1, 2003, USCIS became one of three legacy Immigration and Naturalization Service components to join the U.S. Department of Homeland Security. USCIS is charged with fundamentally transforming and improving the delivery of immigration and citizenship services, while enhancing our nation's security. During the past year, USCIS has helped more than 640,000 men, women and children fulfill their dreams and become United States citizens.

- **EVENT:** Naturalization Ceremony
- **DATE:** September 17, 2004, at 2:00 p.m.
- LOCATION: USCIS Portland District Office 511 N.W. Broadway Portland, Oregon

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