Export Control Certification on I-129 Required 21 Feb. 2011
Effective 21 February 2011, all employers of H-1B and O-1 non-immigrants will be required to make an attestation on form I-129 regarding compliance with the deemed export licensing requirements of the export control regulations contained in the ITAR and the EAR. The Office of International Faculty and Staff Services is working closely with Matt Lind in the Office of the General Counsel of UW-System Administration as well as the UW-Madison Export Control Officer, Tom Demke, to provide clear instructions and a form to ensure our compliance with this new requirement on the form I-129. The export control requirements are not new; the requirement to certify the employer’s compliance on the form I-129 is.

System Administration is working on getting an online web tool to be used by all UW System institutions which will facilitate departments’ efforts to determine if an export license is required, but it will not be functional until after the implementation date of 21 February 2011. Once the link is active, it will be posted on the IFSS web in the H-1B and O-1 sections. In the meantime, if a form I-129 must be filed, a paper form which IFSS can provide to the department must be completed and signed by the Chair or the appropriate Principal Investigator (PI). The petition will not be sent until the form has been completed and signed. Full details were emailed to all Department Chairs on 16 February 2011.

January 11, 2011: It has recently come to our attention that more individuals are being subject to administrative processing delays when attempting to obtain a visa at a US Consulate abroad. In order to attempt to minimize the delays associated with administrative processing the visa application, it would be wise to take another letter which addresses the following issues:

- Goals of research and practical applications
- Funding sources and amounts of any U.S. government to be used to support the research
- Any export-controlled technology and/or information to be shared
- If participate in or access to U.S. projects, sponsor, where such research is open to non-U.S. citizen.

The letter should be on letterhead and contain the contact information at the department.

January 11, 2011: The International Faculty and Staff Services office recommends that individuals take a copy of their immigration documents with them when traveling inside the United States. In the past, these documents were only necessary when traveling within 100 miles of the US border; however, now it is advisable that individuals take their documents with them when they are anywhere in the US.

USCIS Dallas Lockbox
There is a new address for the I-140 petitions for permanent residency.

For US Postal Service Delivery:
USCIS
PO Box 660867
Dallas, TX 75266

For Express Mail and Courier Deliveries:
USCIS
Attn: AOS
2501 S State Highway 121
Business Suite 400
Lewisville, TX 75067