Key Facts:

AN ESTIMATED 8.8 MILLION permanent residents are eligible to apply for citizenship

10 states are home to 75 PERCENT OF THE OVERALL permanent resident population

Key Actions:

- Launched the “Stand Stronger” Citizenship Awareness Campaign with a video from President Obama and the website committocitizenship.org
- Launched a Citizenship Public Awareness Campaign to promote awareness of the rights, responsibilities, and importance of United States citizenship, and resources for permanent residents and community organizations
- Collaborating with the U.S. Department of Agriculture to increase services in rural communities
- Expanding citizenship outreach partnerships with municipal governments
- Developing online naturalization preparation and application filing tools
- Combating the Unauthorized Practice of Immigration Law (UPIL)
- Increasing Low-Cost Legal Services Capacity through new regulations
- In 2015, USCIS awarded nearly $10 million in Citizenship and Integration Grants to 40 organizations in 26 states to help aspiring citizens prepare for naturalization
- Allowing applicants to pay naturalization fees with credit cards
- Sharing federal information with new citizens at naturalization ceremonies
- Identifying opportunities to inform permanent residents of potential eligibility for naturalization