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SIR Approved as Designated Agent with Department of Homeland Security

Springfield, MA. Strategic Information Resources has entered into an agreement with the Department of Homeland Security that enables them to verify new hires' legal right to work at companies across the United States through the E-Verify program. SIR has earned the classification of Designated Agent and will have direct electronic access to perform verifications on behalf of its client companies.

E-Verify, formerly known as The Basic Pilot Program, was created by congress in 1997, but was originally limited to employers in only 5 states. In 2004 the program was expanded to cover all 50 states and the District of Columbia. In 2008, President George W. Bush signed Executive Order 12989 which would require over 200,000 federal contractors and subcontractors to enroll in the program. After extensive review of the order, President Barack Obama's administration has authorized its implementation effective September 8th, 2009.

Several States also require the use of the E-Verify program for some or all employers. Mississippi and Arizona both require use by all employers in the state while Georgia, Minnesota, Oklahoma, North Carolina, Rhode Island and Utah have all passed state requirements for use by some employers.

"As a Designated Agent, Strategic Information Resources can help employers accurately and legally confirm a new hire's identity and authorization to work in the U.S.," said John McTighe, Vice President of Strategic Information Resources. "This is one more way that we can help our clients make the most informed hiring decisions possible."

Strategic Information Resources is a New England based company with over 80 years of experience helping businesses make better decisions. Clients have come to rely on us for knowledgeable customer support and our comprehensive service offerings that include background screening services, credit reporting, and real estate settlement tools. For more information visit our website at www.backgrounddecision.com or call (800) 332-9479.