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U.S. EMBASSY IN MEXICO EXPANDS BUSINESS FACILITATION PROGRAM - EASING BUSINESS VISA APPLICATION PROCESS FOR QUALIFIED COMPANIES

The U.S. Embassy in Mexico City has recently announced an expansion of its <u>Business Facilitation Program (BFP)</u> to allow qualified corporate participants to obtain expedited visa processing. The program also will give corporate participants access to an exclusive on-line registration system which provides special visa appointment times only available to BFP participants.

The expanded BFP will allow registration for all U.S. companies with a qualifying subsidiary, branch, or affiliate in Mexico. Mexican and non-U.S. companies with at least 100 eligible employees are also eligible to apply for acceptance into the Program. Smaller non-U.S. companies can also apply, but must include a letter of recommendation from the American Chamber of Commerce (AmCham), Camara de Comercio de Mexico ("CANACO"), or Asociación Nacional de Importadores y Exportadores de la República Mexicana ("ANIERM") certifying that the company has been a dues-paying member of the respective organization for at least three years.

If your company may be interested in this program, please contact a FosterQuan attorney to discuss the process and any questions you may have. As always FosterQuan will continue to monitor global immigration regulations and procedures and will provide additional information in future Immigration Updates©, and on our firm's website at www.fosterquan.com.