## White House Task Force on New Americans SUPPORTING IMMIGRANT INTEGRATION

## Civic Integration

## **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