

E-VERIFY FOR FEDERAL CONTRACTORS DELAYED

The rule requiring most federal contractors and subcontractors to use E-Verify to confirm employment eligibility of new and existing employees had been postponed to May 21, 2009. The initial effective date of January 15, 2009, was delayed to February 20, 2009, and is now further delayed to May.

A lawsuit (*Chamber of Commerce v. Chertoff* D.Md., No. 08:08-cv-03444-AW) filed to stop implementation of the ruling is pending. The lawsuit challenges the government's authority to require federal contractors to enter new employees' identity and employment eligibility information into the E-Verify system and to require reverification of existing employees.

If you have any questions regarding employment eligibility verification issues or other employment law questions, please contact B. Kevin Burgess or Jaclyn K. Semple at (541) 484-2277 in Eugene, (541) 673-5528 in Roseburg, (541) 923-8767 in Redmond, or (541) 757-1365 in Corvallis.

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