



The Business Visa Center (BVC) is part of the Department of State's ongoing effort to facilitate the issuance of visas for legitimate business travelers worldwide. The Bureau of Consular Affairs, Visa Office created the Business Visa Center to serve businesses in the United States and their partners, customers and colleagues around the world by providing information on business (B1) visitor visa travel to the United States. This includes explaining the application process for business clients, partners, foreign employees and others whom American companies and organizations invite to the United States.

The Role of the Business Visa Center

The Business Visa Center cannot guarantee the issuance of a visa, overturn visa adjudications, or advise on visa classifications, since these remain the responsibilities of consular staff at U.S. embassies/consulates abroad. Rather, the Business Visa Center functions to:

- Direct U.S. organizations to embassy/consulate-specific visa application procedures and clarify information about the visa application process.
- Familiarize U.S. organizations with criteria for expedited interview appointments and facilitate cases involving significant USG interest.
- Support U.S. Conference and Sports organizers by posting events with a large number of foreign visitors on the Bureau's Intranet.
- Provide indirect support to embassy/consulate staff by answering inquiries from U.S. organizations and their international partners related to travel corresponding with the B1 visa.

How to Contact the Business Visa Center

For inquiries falling within the scope of the Business Visa Center's services, please e-mail businessvisa@state.gov (preferred means of contact) or call (202) 485-7675 Monday – Friday, 8:30 a.m. – 5:00 p.m., ET.

Improved information for businesses and the public, in the form of up-to-date details about wait times for interviews and processing times, is available on U.S. Embassy and Consulate websites and at usvisas.state.gov. This information allows business travelers to better prepare for their interview and to better plan their travel to the United States.