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Chicago CBP Conducts Community Information Series Part of Muslim NOBLE Alliance

CHICAGO — Customs and Border Protection will present a series of informational sessions as part of the recently formed Chicago-based Muslim NOBLE Alliance (MNA). These informational sessions are open to the public and will be held on Wednesdays from 6:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m. beginning October 6, 2010, at Sabri Restaurant, 6424 N. Western Ave. in Chicago, IL.

The session topics will include an Overview of Customs and Border Protection on October 6; CBP Agriculture, “Why are you taking my food?” on October 13; Seeking Federal Employment on October 20; an Overview of CBP Admission Procedures on October 27; and an Overview of CBP Trusted Travelers Programs on November 3.

In May, CBP, as a part of the National Organization of Black Law Enforcement Executives (NOBLE), joined with the Muslim-American and other American religious, civic and ethnic communities to form the MNA in an effort to bridge the gap between law enforcement and the community. This unique local partnership will culturally educate; protect the civil rights of all Americans; and give a platform for Muslim-Americans to address current events. The Alliance also seeks to expand to other communities, organizations, individuals and supporters who share in the commitment to the peace, prosperity and progress of all people.

“At the initial Muslim NOBLE Alliance press conference in May, the question was asked, what is next,” said Robyn Dessaure, CBP Assistant Director, Field Operations in Chicago. “These informational sessions are being held to provide the community with a first-hand education about CBP programs and other law enforcement agencies that impact them. This is the next step but only the first step in bridging the gap and building the alliance.”

NOBLE is an organization of black law enforcement officers in local, state, county and federal government founded in 1976 to ensure equity in the administration of justice in the provision of public service to all communities and to serve as the conscience of law enforcement by being committed to justice by action.

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