



## Homeland Security: Foreign Visitor Solutions

Security & Safety

(Patents Granted)

**Introducing a secure system to issue an electronic visa for a foreign visitor and periodically to validate the visa during the visitor's in-country stay, using smartcard and computer kiosk technologies.**

### News Headlines

**" 9/11 Hijackers Used Doctored' Passports"**

*United Press International, 01/27/04*

**"Some 9/11 Hijackers Got Into the U.S. With Fraudulent Visas"**

*Associated Press, 01/26/04*

**"U.S. Embassy Official Took Bribes for Saudi Visas"**

*Associated Press, 05/21/02*

**"House Panel Told Visa Demand Will Surge as Nations Miss Security Deadline"**

*The New York Times, 03/05/04*

**"U.S Wants to Place Its Own Inspectors at Airports Abroad"**

*The New York Times, 03/02/04*

**"Criminal Aliens At Large A 'Crisis'"**

*The Washington Times, 02/11/04*

**"U.S. Calls Release of JetBlue Data Improper"**

*The New York Times, 02/21/04*

**"Islamic Extremists Invade U.S., Join Sleeper Cells"**

*The Washington Times  
Headlines, February 10, 2003*

### DHS Challenges

**"Terrorism: Automated Lookout Systems and Border Security Options and Issues", CRS Report for Congress (RL31019), [June 18, 2001](#)**

1. **Increase difficulty to counterfeit and alter** international travel documents.
2. **Increase entry / exit control mechanisms** at international ports of entry.
3. **Increase staff and technology for consular services.**
4. **Track the visa status and whereabouts of foreign students** in the U.S.

**"BORDER SECURITY: Visa Process Should Be Strengthened as an Antiterrorism Tool", GAO Report (GAO-03-132NI), [October 2002](#)**

1. Ensure that **visa operations** are **effectively contributing to the national strategy for homeland security.**
2. Ensure that **law enforcement and intelligence agencies** are promptly **providing information to the State Department** on persons who may pose a security risk.

