GOING THROUGH PASSPORT CONTROL AT THE AIRPORT? THERE'S AN APP FOR THAT!

U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) announced the launch of the first authorized "app" (mobile application) to expedite a traveler's entry process into the United States. Mobile Passport Control (MPC) will allow eligible travelers to submit their passport information and customs declaration forms via a smartphone or tablet computer before CBP inspection.

Introduced at the Hartsfield-Jackson Atlanta International Airport, MPC is expected to expand to more airports later this year and to Android smartphone users in the future. Currently, iPhone and iPad users can download the app for free from Apple's App Store.

CBP Commissioner R. Gil Kerlikowske said, "By offering this app to passengers, we hope to build upon the success we have already experienced with Automated Passport Control, which has resulted in decreases in wait times as much as 25-40 percent, even with continued growth in international arrivals." The app does not require pre-approval and does not collect any new information on travelers.

CBP has published additional information about MPC, how to download the MPC app, and user eligibility on the CBP website. Future updates will be made available in FosterQuan Immigration Updates© and on our firm's website at www.fosterquan.com.