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### PRESS RELEASES 2006

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#### U.S. Eliminates Nonimmigrant Visa Issuance Fee For All Indian Applicants

NEW DELHI – U.S. Ambassador to India David C. Mulford announced today that the U.S. Government has eliminated the US \$50 reciprocal issuance fee for all non-immigrant visas for Indian citizens, effective immediately. The result will be a 33% reduction in the cost of obtaining a visa.

"I am pleased to announce this reduction in charges, effective immediately," said the Ambassador. "I hope it encourages more Indian business people and tourists to travel to America."

Visa applicants will still be required to pay an application fee of US \$100 at a designated HDFC bank branch prior to scheduling a visa interview.

Last month, the Embassy and Consulates General implemented procedures eliminating the visa appointments backlog for Indians who plan travel to the United States. Appointments are currently available for non-immigrant visa applications at all U.S. consular offices in India.

For a complete list of visa fees and more information about visas to the United States, or to make an appointment for a Visa using the new VFS system, please visit one of the following links:

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