

## PRESIDENT BUSH'S IMMIGRATION PLAN

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Following his recent election victory, President Bush has begun setting his agenda for the next four years. Immigration reform is expected to be a top priority.

As readers of [www.longchangonline.com](http://www.longchangonline.com) know, President Bush announced a temporary guest worker program last January. The President's proposal for guest worker program would allow certain undocumented workers who have worked in the United States and paid taxes to become legal on a temporary basis. The proposal initially calls for a 3-year temporary worker status with the possibility of a renewal for 3 more years. For our earlier article concerning "Frequently Asked Questions About President Bush's Guest Worker Program", please see Long, Chang & Associates, L.L.P.'s article of February 15, 2004. The President's proposal did not gain much momentum after it was announced and all but faded during the Presidential election process as the nation focused on the conflict in Iraq and domestic issues.

In recent days, however, the President's guest worker program has been in the spotlight. President Bush met with Senator John McCain in the White House last week. Senator McCain is an influential Republican Senator from Arizona who has been a strong supporter of a guest worker program. In addition, Secretary of State Colin Powell visited Mexico last week to discuss immigration reform.

While it is uncertain if and when any such guest worker program will be passed by Congress, it is encouraging that the Bush administration is pushing the President's proposal and that immigration reform is on the President's agenda.

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