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CLIENT ALERT: Electronic Employee Verification Delayed to June 30, 2009

President Obama's administration has delayed the implementation of an executive order and a related procurement law that requires federal contractors to use "E-Verify," the electronic verification system designated by the Secretary of Homeland Security to verify the employment eligibility. The effective date of the final rule requiring federal government contractors to use "E-Verify" has been delayed until June 30, 2009. The program would apply to all new hires and existing employees assigned to perform work on federal contracts. All employers, including federal contractors, may choose to voluntarily enroll in E-Verify at any time without waiting for the effective date.

This postponement is the third delay in implementing the rule. Further delays may occur and you should contact your attorney for the most up-to-date information.

For more information on the E-Verify program, please see MBJ's Client Alert dated March 16, 2009, entitled, "Electronic Employee Verification and Revised Form I-9 Deadlines Delayed" or contact your MBJ attorney.

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