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IMMIGRATION INTERACTIVE SXSW PANEL WAS HELD IN AUSTIN BY STATE OF DEPARTMENT

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USPA NEWS - Thousands of people were descending last week upon Austin for SXSW, having put the Bureau of Consular Affairs' panel on their schedule! On March 14th at 12:30 p.m. at the JW Marriott in Austin, the U.S. Department of State's Bureau of Consular Affairs was hosting a SXSW Interactive panel highlighting

AN INTERACTIVE PANEL TO FACILITATE MEETING TECH STARTUPS-----

This panel was to demonstrate how the U.S. Departments of State and Homeland Security and the White House U.S. Digital Service are working collaboratively to streamline and modernize the immigrant visa process to help the tech industry employ skilled, qualified workers and students from foreign countries if they attend. Vivian Graubard, U.S. Digital Service advisor; Jose Raul Perales, Department of Homeland Security Assistant Secretary for the Private Sector; and Jill Esposito, U.S. Department of State Director of Public and Diplomatic Liaison for the Bureau of Consular Affairs animated the workshop. The panel was moderated by John Paul Farmer, Director of Technology & Civic Innovation at Microsoft and former Senior Advisor in the White House Office of Science and Technology. The panel was interactive between the participants in order to facilitate meeting members of tech startups, startup incubators, and other private industry stakeholders to explore how the U.S. government can better engage with and provide resources to these important partners in the immigrant visa process. Source : John Whiteley and Sara Veldhuizen Stealy serve in the Bureau of Consular Affairs' Office of Policy Coordination and Public Affairs.-----

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