FactSheet

Trusted Traveler Program Fact Sheet

- The U.S. Government Printing Office (GPO) produces the Trusted Traveler Program cards for the Department of Homeland Security (DHS), Customs and Border Protection (CPB).

- The program is part of the Western Hemisphere Travel Initiative (WHTI). WHTI strengthens U.S. border security by requiring all travelers to present a document denoting identity and citizenship when entering the United States.

- The cards give pre-approved travelers faster service in crossing America's northern and southern borders. The cards allow travelers to drive through specially marked lanes at border crossings, similar to E-Z pass on toll roads.

- There are three Trusted Traveler Program cards:
    — NEXUS cards expedite travel between the U.S. Canada border
    — SENTRI cards expedite travel between the U.S. Mexico border
    — FAST cards expedite travel at the northern and southern borders for commercial truck drivers

- GPO employees are responsible for designing, printing, personalizing and mailing the cards. GPO began production in 2008 and has produced 784,000 cards as of April 2010.
    — 423,000 NEXUS cards
    — 251,000 SENTRI cards
    — 110,000 FAST cards

- The cards are designed with several security features to protect against tampering or unauthorized use. Some of the security features include optically variable ink, laser engraved data, micro printing and advanced hologram. Other features can only be verified by a border protection officer with special equipment.

- The cards are produced at GPO's secure facility in Washington, D.C. by career government employees with proper security clearances. CBP provides GPO with approved information on the traveler. Then, GPO prints, personalizes and mails the card to the traveler.

- GPO won top honors in *Government Security News'* annual Homeland Security Award competition in the 'Most Effective Border Security Program, Project or Agency' category for producing the Trusted Traveler Program cards.

- Link to apply for a Trusted Traveler Program card: **https://goes-app.cbp.dhs.gov/**