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Action Required: Informational

Background:

- The Passenger Air Operations Working Group (PAOWG) held its first meeting on January 25, 2023. During the meeting, members identified seven key areas they believe will improve air passenger operations and traveler facilitation across the industry. Following the meeting, U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) coordinated with internal CBP components to identify current program status, future planning, challenges, and any additional future-state concepts that may be beneficial to the PAOWG going forward.

Current Status:

- The PAOWG is looking across industry to identify best practices at locations where members believe the programs are working well to gain real-time examples and process recommendations from teams there.
- The information collected will be brought forward to the PAOWG for review, consideration, and possible implementation.

Next Steps:

- The information gained from CBP's internal component discussions and the PAOWG industry search will be shared at the next PAOWG meeting in March 2023.
- PAOWG efforts will involve determining economic and operational benefits associated to delivered solutions.
- The new PAOWG will continue to identify industry challenges and process improvements, recommendation changes and develop proposed regulatory change language if necessary.

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