Overview

SENTRI was established to expedite the movement of eligible, prescreened, low-risk, pre-approved travelers on the southern border through designated dedicated vehicle traffic lanes.

SENTRI members at the border are not regularly subjected to normal customs and immigration questioning. This helps reduce traffic congestion and delays that are costly to travelers while maintaining high levels of security at our land-border crossings.

Process

Applicants must voluntarily undergo a thorough criminal, law enforcement, customs, immigration, and terrorist background check; a 10-fingerprint law enforcement check; and a personal interview with a CBP officer.

SENTRI applicants may apply online using the global online enrollment system (GOES), and once the initial application is approved, the applicant will be required to present himself or herself (in person) for an interview at a SENTRI enrollment center.

Enrollment is scheduled by appointment, which may be made online through one’s GOES account. Everyone crossing the border in a registered vehicle must apply, including children.

The cost for the program is $122.25 per person and is valid for five years.

Locations

Currently over 425,000 SENTRI members are using dedicated commuter lanes at southern land-border crossings to enter the United States. SENTRI dedicated commuter lanes exist in El Paso, TX; San Ysidro, CA; Calexico, CA; Hidalgo, TX; Brownsville, TX; Anzalduas, TX; Laredo, TX; Otay Mesa, CA; Nogales, AZ; Douglas, AZ; and San Luis, AZ.