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Santa Barbara, September 5, 2003 - Creative Networks today announced it has published a major update to their annual guide, *Win the Green Card Lottery!* for DV-2005. (ISBN 0-9705089-4-8). Now in its third year of publication, the ebook is now available for download at: <http://www.mygreencard.com> for \$7.50 USD.

Win the Green Card Lottery! by Marybeth Rael and J. Stephen Wilson is an electronic booklet in Adobe® Acrobat PDF format. Edited by James T. Daly, Attorney at Law, this edition has been completely revised for the calendar year 2003 (DV-2005) diversity visa lottery and current immigration law.

What is the Diversity Visa Lottery? The annual United States Department of State diversity visa immigration lottery accounts for nearly 7 percent of all legal immigration into the U.S. With over 12 million applicants from visa eligible countries vying for only 50,000 available green cards, it is potentially the most popular immigration program in the world. Based on a random computer drawing, winners and their immediate families are eligible to receive permanent U.S. residency—provided they follow the ever changing State Department rules. These strict guidelines disqualify up to 3 million entries each year. For DV-2005, not only have the registration dates changed, but mail-in applications will no longer be accepted, continuing a major shift toward digital technologies by the DOS. A welcome change for some, eliminating paper applications will still present difficulties, especially for entrants from developing countries and those with limited access to computer technologies such as digital cameras and scanners.

Win the Green Card Lottery! is a complete self-entry guide for DV-2005, covering such topics as: rules of alternate state chargeability, out of status aliens, how to qualify based on occupation, rules for family members, and when to contact an attorney. The booklet is also interspersed with over 20 tips to help eliminate common mistakes throughout the entire process. New this year are ratings of over 30 lottery service web sites based on price, information content and service. Although some green card lottery entrants need third party advice to assist them with their entries, this booklet helps provide a more comprehensive, dependable, and less expensive alternative.

By including critical advice for the visa interview in an entire chapter devoted to lottery winners, *Win the Green Card Lottery!* also bridges the crucial gap between “winning” and obtaining a green card, since nearly half the lottery winners initially selected fail to clear this last hurdle.

“I’d recommend *Win the Green Card Lottery!* to all my International Students. It’s also a textbook for Foreign Student Advisors.”—John Diaz, International Student Advisor.

“Whether you live inside or outside the United States, this inexpensive booklet collects everything you need to know to correctly apply. You don’t need a lawyer or a consultant to apply for and win the lottery. It’s faster, cheaper, and more reliable to enter yourself,” said author Marybeth Rael.

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