



### Important Dates to Remember

**PV America 2012 West**  
March 19-21, 2012

**Registration Opens**  
November 3, 2011

### Helpful Links

For up-to-date information on PV America 2012 West:  
[www.pvamericaexpo.com](http://www.pvamericaexpo.com)

International Media that need visa information:  
[http://travel.state.gov/visa/temp/types/types\\_1276.html](http://travel.state.gov/visa/temp/types/types_1276.html)

Find additional information on obtaining a temporary visa:  
[http://travel.state.gov/visa/visa\\_1750.html](http://travel.state.gov/visa/visa_1750.html)

## Helpful Visa Tips

To register for PV America 2012 West, request your letter of invitation and make your appointment for a visa interview early! Wait times depend on location and time of year, you can find out specific procedures and estimated wait times by checking your [U.S. Embassy/Consulate's website](#).

- **Register online for your badge at PV America 2012 West in order to request and receive your letter of invitation.** When you complete your registration, including payment, a PDF of the letter will be automatically sent to your email. Deadline to request a hardcopy is February 3, 2012. Each person requiring a letter of invitation must register, request their letter of invitation and apply for their visa individually.
- **[Apply for your visa](#) as early as possible and at least 90 days prior to your departure date.** Be sure to complete all documents and answer all questions completely. Do not use "n.a.", "Not applicable" in your forms. If your answer is negative, use "no", "nil" or "none".
- **Review all requirements and fees.** Ensure that your passport expiration date will be valid for at least six more months. Visit [http://travel.state.gov/visa/temp/types/types\\_1263.html](http://travel.state.gov/visa/temp/types/types_1263.html) to learn more about the various visa fees and other requirements.
- **Schedule an interview with your embassy as soon as you receive your letter of invitation.**
- **Be sure to include any materials from PV America 2012 West that show management may have sent to you.** Printed materials that you have received from show management will show that PV America 2012 West is a legitimate conference and tradeshow that you are attending.

**Obtaining a letter of invitation will not guarantee that you will be approved for a visa.** The letter is merely supplementary information that explains a visa applicant's intended purpose to travel. U.S. Embassy officers look at the totality of an applicant's personal situation in determining visa eligibility.