E-VERIFY SURVEY

Yesterday, ImmigrationWorks USA and the National Restaurant Association released the results of a survey on the use of E-Verify in the restaurant industry.

Respondents included 789 restaurant owners and operators, foodservice operators and supply-chain professionals.

The survey found that 23 percent of restaurant owners and operators currently use E-Verify – and 49 percent of corporate-owned restaurants are enrolled in the system.

“Most employers want to be on the right side of the law. Whether you own a small business or you have a larger, corporate brand name at stake, the last thing you want is to put it in jeopardy,” said IW president Tamar Jacoby.

Angelo Amador, vice president for labor and workforce policy at the National Restaurant Association, said, “We support E-Verify, but it must be done right.”

Among the survey’s other key findings: nearly 80 percent of the restaurant operators who use E-Verify report that it is 100 percent accurate, and 80 percent would recommend the program to a colleague.

Click HERE to read the survey results or LISTEN to a recording of a telephonic press briefing on the survey.

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