New Form-I-9 Guidelines Unlikely to Impact Cities Courtney Risk Straw Personnel Services Attorney

The Department of Homeland Security (DHS) has announced relaxed guidelines for the in-person review of Form-I-9 documents. These new guidelines only apply to employers that have moved to completely remote work. If any employee is still reporting to the employer's physical location, the in-person review of the Form-I-9 documents cannot be waived. For cities that must continue to operate 24/7, it is likely at least one employee is still reporting to the physical location (including our first responders) and these waivers would not apply.

If your city has moved 100% to remote work and you have a written policy or order showing the telework, the DHS guidelines could apply. For more information, see the full DHS release or contact Personnel Services Attorney Courtney Risk Straw or Personnel Services Manager Andrea Shindlebower Main at 800-876-4552.