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### **BFC Launches Public DoD Biometrics Knowledgebase System**

WASHINGTON, D.C., September 17, 2003 – The Department of Defense (DoD) Biometrics Fusion Center (BFC) today announced that it is opening a public version of its DoD Biometrics Knowledgebase System (DBKS). Complementing the restricted DBKS – which is accessible only to government users with .gov or .mil addresses – the public version will host more general information on biometrics, technology tutorials, and consolidated media coverage of biometrics in the government and DoD.

“As public interest in biometrics continues to escalate, it is important that both DoD and non-government users can access timely information in order to help make informed decisions towards biometric technology adoption,” said MAJ Stephen Ferrell, acting director of the DoD BFC.

The unrestricted DBKS site (<http://www.bfc-kno.army.mil>) offers public access to specific biometric policies and usage tutorials, and also guides users on applying for information from the DoD BFC through the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA). In the future, the site will host web-enabled surveys for all Federally Funded Research and Development Centers (FFRDC), academic test centers, and vendors with a biometrics focus. Visitors to the public DBKS site will also be able to navigate through various news articles and summaries on biometrics.

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*The BFC is the test and evaluation unit of the DoD Biometrics Management Office (BMO). The BMO is the central entity within the DoD responsible for leading, consolidating and coordinating the development, adoption and institutionalization of biometric technologies for combatant commands, Services and Agencies, to enhance Joint Service interoperability and warfighter operational effectiveness.*

