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DoD Biometrics Senior Coordinating Group Kicks Off First Meeting to Discuss New Biometrics Enterprise Solution Initiative

WASHINGTON, D.C., October 9, 2002 –The U.S. Army, as the DoD executive agent for biometrics, launched the first meeting of the Biometrics Senior Coordinating Group (BSCG) yesterday, October 8, 2002. The main function of this group, which is made up of select DoD stakeholders (principal staff assistants, Military Departments and DoD agency representatives), is to provide strategic guidance to the development, evaluation and implementation of a DoD-wide Biometrics Enterprise Solution. This solution is designed to give DoD the ability to perform secure, fast, accurate, authoritative personal identity verification, identification and authentication based upon one or more of an individual's biometric characteristics.



The BSCG, chaired by Army Deputy Chief Information Officer David Borland, reports to the DoD Chief Information Officer. The group's responsibilities include voting on various issues submitted by the Biometrics Enterprise Solution working groups. The working groups address the nine key areas of the solution: policy and functional economic analysis, requirements, legal, architecture, acquisition, collection, storage, access and retrieval, and use. The working groups are composed of key stakeholders including representatives from the Army, Navy, Air Force, DoD Biometrics Management Office (BMO) and other DoD agencies. The BSCG is scheduled to meet on a monthly basis at the Pentagon.

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The Biometrics Enterprise Solution approach is the brainchild of BMO Director Dr. Linda Dean. This approach will support DoD-wide identification and authentication requirements, and will integrate into DoD's current business processes.

More information about the BMO's initiatives and programs can be found on their website at www.c3i.osd.mil/biometrics.

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The Department of Defense Biometrics Management Office 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.

