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DoD BMO Invites Public to Comment on New Biometrics Protection Profile *DoD & Federal Biometrics System Protection Profile for Medium Robustness Environments*

WASHINGTON, D.C., May 10, 2002 – The Department of Defense (DoD) Biometrics Management Office (BMO), in accordance with the National Security Telecommunications and Information Systems Security Policy's (NSTISSP) No. 11 National Information Assurance Acquisition Policy, invites the public to comment on the *Department of Defense & Federal Biometrics System Protection Profile for Medium Robustness Environments, Version 0.02*. The biometrics protection profile (BPP) and comment submission guidelines can be accessed by visiting the BMO's website at www.c3i.osd.mil/biometrics.

The *Department of Defense & Federal Biometrics System Protection Profile for Medium Robustness Environments, Version 0.02* specifies the minimum functional and assurance requirement for biometric systems employed by DoD for medium-threat level environments. It is in conformance with the Common Criteria ISO/IEC Standard 15408, an international standard to evaluate the trustworthiness of Information Technology (IT) products and systems.

The BMO, along with the National Institute of Standards and Technology (NIST) and the National Security Agency (NSA), is issuing this invite for public comment as part of its goal to form a partnership with public and private sector constituencies to develop and gain consensus on the family of BPP, which include basic, medium and high-threat level environments.

This initiative is also part of the BMO's task to ensure that all biometric products employed by DoD are in compliance with NSTISSP No. 11 (www.nstissc.gov/Assets/pdf/nstissp_11.pdf), and is a result of the congressional directive to the BMO to offer assistance and coordinate biometric efforts with federal agencies.

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The BMO, NIST, and NSA are looking for comments that both assess the technical aspects and evaluate the suitability of this BPP for government-wide application. All comments, which must be submitted by June 21, 2002, will be considered before submitting the BPP for validation by the National Information Assurance Partnership.

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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 in CINCs, Services and Agencies, to enhance Joint Service interoperability and warfighter operational effectiveness.

