



ATTACHMENT B: GLOSSARY OF TERMS

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Term	Definition
A	
ADIS	Arrival / Departure Information System. The system that serves as a central repository for storing, reconciling, and reporting on immigrant and non-immigrant traveler arrivals and departures across air, sea and land ports of entry. ADIS matches arrivals with departures to identify illegal overstays and provides a wide range of ad-hoc queries and reporting capabilities for arrival and departure information.
a-ID	Automatic Identification. An identification tag that stores a unique serial. This number can be linked to a traveler profile, including biometric and biographic data.
a-ID Issuance	The process of assigning a unique, automatic identification (a-ID) to in-scope travelers at Secondary Inspection.
ATS/L	Automated Targeting System/Land. The system that automatically cross-references TECS crossing data and other information to provide a weighted rules-based score for a vehicle to the Primary Officer. This score determines whether the vehicle needs to be referred to Secondary.
B	
Blast	An alarm consisting of audible and visual components to alert CBP Officer workstations.
BCC	Border Crossing Card: I-186(oldest form) and (I-586 (old form). Laser Visa (Form DPS-150) has replaced the BCC. A travel document Mexican citizens to travel within the “border zone” (defined as 25 miles from the border in Texas, California, or New Mexico and 75 miles of the border in some parts of Arizona), and planning to stay for up to 30 days.
Biographics	In the context of US-VISIT: biographical information of a traveler, such as name and date of birth.
Biometrics	Are automated methods of recognizing a person based on a physiological or behavioral characteristic that are unique to an individual. Physical biometrics includes fingerprints, hand geometry, facial patterns, and iris and retinal scans. Behavioral biometrics includes voice patterns, written signatures, and keyboard typing techniques.
C	
CBP	U.S. Customs and Border Protection. The unified border agency within the Department of Homeland Security (DHS). CBP combined the inspectional workforces and broad border authorities of U.S. Customs, U.S. Immigration, Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service and the U.S. Border Patrol. Source: DHS website.



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DHS	Department of Homeland Security. In January of 2003, the United States government established the Department of Homeland Security to focus America’s efforts to thwart those who seek to do us harm. Department has an overriding and urgent mission: secure the American homeland and protect the American people.
E	
Enforcement Action	Resulting action of a violation.
F	
FAST	Free and Secure Trade. The program that provides dedicated commercial lanes for expedited processing to qualifying commercial participants. Sensory system for FAST is based on RFID technology.
FIN	Fingerprint Identification Number. A unique number assigned to a set of fingerscans in IDENT.
G	
GES	Global Enrollment System. The system that collects biographic and biometric data about applicants (US and non-US citizens) for pay-for-use trusted traveler programs, including NEXUS and SENTRI. Collected biographic and biometric information is used to run criminal background and terrorist lookout checks on applicants.
I	
I-94/I-94W	Unless otherwise exempted, each arriving nonimmigrant that is admitted to the U.S. shall be issued a Form I-94 as evidence of the terms of admission. Eligible applicants seeking admission under the Visa Waiver Program (VWP) are issued a Form I-94W.
ICE	Immigration and Customs Enforcement. The investigative bureau of DHS. ICE consolidated the investigative and intelligence resources of the United States Customs Service, the Immigration and Naturalization Service, the Federal Protective Service and the Federal Air Marshals Service.
IDENT	Automated Biometric Identification System. The IDENT system is a biometric (two index-finger fingerprints and front facial photograph) identity management system utilized by US-VISIT and ENFORCE to support biometric identity authentication and biometric lookout list identification of eligible aliens.
Identity Management	The unification of an individual’s biographic, biometric and credentialing information to provides “one identity,” across all DHS business processes.
In-Scope Traveler	The following traveler population is identified to be in scope for Increment 2B and is subject to US-VISIT processes at designated land POEs: Applicants for admission with a non-immigrant visa, Applicants for admission under the Visa Waiver Program (VWP), and Mexican citizens applying for admission using a Border Crossing Card (Laser Visa) traveling beyond the “border zone” or planning to stay longer than 30 days.



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Laser Visa	See BCC definition.
Land Border Port of Entry	Facility at a land border that provides for the controlled entry into or departure from the United States for persons and materials arriving as commercial, non-commercial, pedestrian, or rail traffic.
LPR	License Plate Reader. The system that reads license plates in the proximity of the POE where the system is deployed. The LPR read is sent to, recorded and queried in TECS.
M	
MRTD	Machine Readable Travel Document – a travel document that contains encoded, machine readable traveler information, such as biographic and biometric data.
N	
NCIC	National Crime Information Center - one of the sources of watch list information for TECS
NEPA	The National Environmental Policy Act of 1969. NEPA requires federal agencies to integrate environmental considerations into their decision-making processes by considering the environmental impacts of their proposed actions and reasonable alternatives to those actions.
NEXUS	Canadian Border Dedicated Commuter Lane. The project of the Canada-United States Shared Border Accord, designed to facilitate pre-enrolled, low risk, vehicular traffic across the Canadian and United States border.
NIV	Non-Immigrant Visa. A permission to apply to enter the United States for a limited period of time.
NSEERS	The National Security Entry-Exit Registration System (NSEERS) is a program developed by the Department of Justice and implemented in NSEERS, also known as "special registration," established a national registry for travelers coming from 25 designated countries and others who met a combination of intelligence-based criteria that identified them as a potential security risk.
P	
Pedestrian Entry	A Primary inspection lane dedicated to pedestrians at certain land POEs
Pedestrian Exit	An exit lane dedicated to pedestrians at certain land POEs.
Pedestrian Primary	The turnstile and counter area where the initial inspection of pedestrians is performed.
POE	Port of Entry. The facility that provides for the controlled entry into or departure from the United States for persons and materials
Port Runner	An individual that failed to complete inspection and departed the POE.
Primary	The initial inspection area at a POE, either of noncommercial (vehicular primary), pedestrians, or bus traffic.



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R	
RFID	Radio Frequency Identification. A method of identifying unique items using radio waves. Typically, a reader communicates with a tag, which holds digital information in a microchip.
RFID Reader	The device that communicates with the RFID tag via radio waves and (Interrogator) passes the information in digital form to a computer system.
RFID Tag	A microchip attached to an antenna that is packaged in a way that it can be applied to an object. The tag picks up signals from and sends signals to a reader. The tag contains information ranging from serial numbers to more complex data such as detailed parts information.
S	
SBA	Smart Border Alliance. Accenture LLP serves as the Prime Contractor for US-VISIT to help strengthen security at America's borders and modernize the border management process. Source: DHS News Release June 1, 2004.
Secondary	Area where detailed inspections are performed (Passport Control and Baggage Control).
SENTRI	Secure Electronic Network for Traveler's Rapid Inspection. The system that provides an electronic, dedicated commuter lane that expedites the flow of low-risk, frequent border crossers across the southern border. Sensory system is based on RFID technology.
T	
TECS	Treasury Enforcement Communication System. The system supporting key business processes across DHS including investigations, enforcement and US-VISIT. TECS maintains databases on biographic terrorist lookout lists, vehicle lookout lists, alien addresses, Secondary inspection results and alien crossing histories.
U	
US-ARRIVAL	The system being deployed as part of Increment 2B. The system provides an integrated process for issuing the I-94/I-94W and collecting US-VISIT biometric data for in-scope visitors.
US-VISIT	United States Visitor and Immigrant Status Indicator Technology. US-VISIT is a top priority for the U.S. Department of Homeland Security because it enhances security for our citizens and visitors while facilitating legitimate travel and trade across our borders. US-VISIT helps to secure our borders, facilitates the entry and exit process, and enhances the integrity of our immigration system while respecting the privacy of our visitors. US-VISIT is part of a continuum of security measures that begins overseas and continues through a visitor's arrival and departure from the United States. It incorporates eligibility determinations made by both the Departments of Homeland Security and State.
V	
Vehicle Entry	An entry lane dedicated to non-commercial vehicles at land POEs.
Vehicle Exit	An exit lane dedicated to non-commercial vehicles at land POEs.
Vehicle Primary	Booth where the initial inspection of non-commercial vehicle traffic entering the US is performed.



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Verification	The process defined in Increment 2C Business Requirements. The Primary Officer will on occasion refer visitors to Secondary to verify that their unique a-ID information is accurate. These referrals will be either automatically generated as part of a compliance measurement initiative or Officer generated. A visitor who needs to update biometric or biographic data will also be referred to Secondary for verification prior to associating new data to their a-ID.
VWP	The Visa Waiver Program permits nationals from designated countries (listed in 8CFR 217.2(a)) to apply for admission to the U.S. for ninety days or less as non-immigrant visitors for business or pleasure without first obtaining a U.S. non-immigrant visa.
W	
Watch list	In the context of Increment 2C: data queried from a biographic database (TECS) and/or biometric database (IDENT).