

IT Program Assessment

CBP – Mobile Surveillance Capabilities (MSC)

Review

The DHS CIO conducted a comprehensive program review of the CBP Mobile Surveillance Capabilities program during September 2011. Program observations indicate that MSC is accomplishing the following:

- Developing Mobile Surveillance Systems (trucks with radar and EO/IR cameras) and Cerberus Lite(tripod-mounted radar and cameras)
- The MSC program will be deployed where sufficient road infrastructure exists and land mobile voice communications are reliable. MSC will support the collective surveillance plan in which multiple technologies will be deployed. As a result the combined technologies will dependently fulfill CBP's Strategic Plan. The MSC program is independent of the other OTIA programs.

Assessment

Challenges remain concerning the development of needed surveillance technologies. Current oversight and component governance are improving the stated nature of this program. Funding reductions to the original program baseline may pose a risk to this program. The DHS CIO assessment is that the baselines for the SBInet derivative programs have improved and should continue. Therefore, the DHS CIO will continue to monitor the progress of this program and coordinate updates from the component. The CIO assesses the program at Level 3 - Medium Risk

Score: 3