

## **IT Program Assessment**

### **CBP – Northern Border Remote Video Surveillance System (NB-RVSS)**

#### **Review**

The DHS CIO conducted a comprehensive program review of the CBP NB\_RVSS program during September 2011. Program observations indicate that NB-RVSS is accomplishing the following:

- The Northern Border RVSS (NB-RVSS) systems deploys and operates day and night cameras attached to fixed towers, which allows the Border Patrol to monitor border activity through video transmissions to a control room. This program is enhancing the capability of providing situational awareness of border activity through persistent surveillance and detection to facilitate proper law enforcement resolution
- NB-RVSS is helping to establish persistent surveillance as a critical capability for establishing and maintaining control of our border

#### **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 score is as shown below

**Score: 3**