

IT Program Assessment

CBP – Remote Video Surveillance System (RVSS)

Review

The DHS CIO conducted a comprehensive program review of the CBP Remote Video Surveillance System program during September 2011. Program observations indicate that RVSS is accomplishing the following:

- RVSS systems consist of 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 working to enhance the capability of providing situational awareness of border activity through persistent surveillance and detection to facilitate proper law enforcement resolution.
- The program is deploying three additional RVSS towers to expand the coverage of the RVSS system in Arizona in areas that are highly trafficked with illegal activities

Assessment

Challenges remain concerning the development of border surveillance technologies. Current oversight and component governance are improving the state 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