

IT Program Assessment CBP- Secure Freight Initiative (SFI) (2010)

Review

The DHS CIO conducted a comprehensive program review of the CBP- Secure Freight Initiative (SFI) on February 2, 2010. Topics discussed, were as follows:

- Current program deployment status 7 global ports operational
- The program operational target of implementing SFI at 726 global ports (100%) is met with various challenges
 - Cooperation with foreign governments is critical to program success.
 - Funding constraints have limited further deployment to ports in the Middle East.
 - The program office requested \$23 Million in FY10 and received \$8.7 Million. All of which was in support of Operations and Maintenance, not development.
 - Average funding estimate to deploy fully operational SFI port (\$10+ Million)
 - Enhancements to existing SFI technology is not always met with compliance at foreign ports. Further focus needs to be given to incentivizing foreign stakeholders.

Assessment

CBP- Secure Freight Initiative is a viable program vital to the mission of the department. Funding constraints and uncertain foreign partnerships will continue to hinder programmatic success. SFI has the potential to provide services to other Components within the department that will be examined moving forward. In reference to technology enhancements at foreign ports, program focus will continue to explore ways in which foreign stakeholders might be incentivized for complying with the program objectives.

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