



IT Program Assessment

NPPD- United States Visitor and Immigrant Status Indicator Technology (US-VISIT) (2010):

ADIS, IDENT, and Unique Identity–10 Print Interoperability Investments

Review

The DHS Chief Information Officer conducted an integrated program review encompassing three major investments within the NPPD US-VISIT Program on November 17, 2009. The three investments that were the focus of the review are:

- **Arrival and Departure Information System (ADIS)** is an automated and integrated system that stores and reconciles United States (U.S.) arrival and departure information for all non-U.S. citizens. ADIS is used to identify individuals who have overstayed the terms of their visas, and provides the DHS with a fully automated entry/exit system to collect a record of arrival and departure for every alien who arrives and departs by sea or air at a U.S. Port of Entry (POE). ADIS is in an O&M phase, with a FY 2010 budget of \$13.7 million.
- **Unique Identity-10-Print Interoperability** is a US-VISIT program to upgrade existing two-fingerprint capture capability with the ability to capture and process ten flat fingerprints. IDENT supports many DHS mission organizations, including CBP Officers at Ports of Entry (POEs) assessing travelers entering the US at air, sea and land ports, providing an initial IDENT data response to support making admission decisions at POEs. Scope of this investment includes expanding interoperability with DoJ's Integrated Automated Fingerprint Identification System (IAFIS), providing near real time capability to provide hit notifications and automatic updates to DHS shared data components; increasing the transaction volume for (DHS) IDENT/(DoJ) IAFIS transactions to full capacity and resolve backlog; and improving the identity management and screening services US-VISIT provides to users to better prevent admission of watch list individuals with criminal histories. The Unique Identity – 10 Print Interoperability budget for FY2010 is \$14.5 million.
- **Automated Biometric Information System (IDENT) (2010)**. US-VISIT is the business owner of IDENT, which has been designated as the enterprise biometric services provider for DHS. US-VISIT is responsible for day-to-day IDENT operations, identifying necessary changes to the IDENT system, coordinating approval of changes across stakeholders, prioritizing and scheduling releases; and providing, business oversight of O&M activities, stakeholder management, and strategic direction of future IDENT capabilities. FY 2010 IDENT O&M budget is \$196.7 million.

Assessment

DHS CIO found no significant programmatic issues with the three investments that were the primary focus of this program review. Requirements are being effectively captured and managed, progress is being demonstrated, plans going forward appear reasonable and well-founded, and risks are identified and appear manageable with mitigation plans in place. Follow-up actions to the Program Review include:

- THE DHS CIO expressed concern at the size of the US-VISIT PMO as being perhaps too large to be effectively managed. The DHS CIO directed US-VISIT to provide information on the size, composition, and cost of the US-VISIT PMO; the requested information has been provided by the program.
- The DHS CIO directed the US-VISIT Program Manager (PM) to provide an overview of the US-VISIT original baseline and subsequent rebaselining to illustrate summary program level scope changes over time, including funding history. This should also include for current year a program level funding chart covering all elements of the overall US-VISIT program. THE US-VISIT PM has provided the requested information.
- The DHS CIO requested the US-VISIT Program Manager to provide a briefing on US-VISIT activities and plans to determine and institute efficiencies and associated efficiency performance metrics for US-VISIT, given US-VISIT's status as a mature program. This action item is pending and should be completed in the second quarter of FY 2010.

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