



# Homeland Security

## IT Program Assessment TSA – Crew Vetting Program (2010)

### Review Assessment

The DHS Chief Information Officer conducted a comprehensive program review of the TSA Crew Vetting Program (CVP) on January 8, 2010. The CVP was chartered by Congress to perform security threat assessments (STAs) for air crew members entering, departing, or overflying the United States, and to deny access to U. S. airspace for individuals suspected of posing a threat to the US or its transportation infrastructure. Airlines are required to provide Master Crew Lists and Flight Crew Manifests to TSA under the CV program prior to the flight entering, leaving, or overflying the US. The CV Program is funded by appropriated funds, and started conducting STAs on flight crew members in 2004. The CVP is one of several vetting programs under the TSA Transportation Threat Analysis Center (TTAC).

Major findings during the DHS CIO IT Program Review of the Crew Vetting Program include the following:

- Program is in O&M Phase, and will be supported in the future by the TSA TTAC IT Modernization Program. The Crew Vetting Program is working closely and effectively with the TSA TTAC IT Modernization Program to ensure program needs will be met going forward.
- TSA CVP is working effectively with Customs and Border Protection to provide “one face to the airlines” for CVP purposes by using the CBP backbone and router for communication to the air carriers.
- The CVP architecture is designed to provide common reusable vetting services.
- No significant program shortcomings or risks were identified.

### Mitigation Strategy

Findings and issues from the DHS CIO IT Program Review of the Crew Vetting program are being effectively addressed by program and TTAC management, and aging technology issues will be mitigated by implementation of the TSA TTAC IT Modernization Program.

**Score: 4**