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DoD BMO Announces Schedule for 5-Day Short Course in Biometrics

WASHINGTON, D.C., May 23, 2003 – The Department of Defense (DoD) Biometrics Management Office (BMO), in conjunction with West Virginia University (WVU), has released its schedule for a 5-Day Short Course (5DSC) on the Concepts in Biometric Systems and Information Assurance.

DoD and government employees are encouraged to register for training in Arlington, VA or Morgantown, WV. The Arlington sessions take place during the weeks of June 16, July 14 and August 11, while the course in Morgantown occur the weeks of June 2 and July 28.

“Government agencies are quickly adapting to the need for biometrics as a security enabler. This 5-Day Short Course presents an overview of the principles of operation, design, testing, and implementation of biometric systems, as well as the legal, social, and ethical concerns with their use,” said Walter McCollum, PhD, biometrics education manager for the DoD BMO.

Students in the program are introduced to a variety of techniques used in identification and verification of individuals, the physiological basis of these techniques, and the algorithms and statistical methods employed to achieve acceptable false-accept and false-reject ratios. All of the major and emerging biometric modalities are covered, along with testing and evaluation, standards and individual case studies.

Tuition for the 5DSC is \$1,100 per student. Each session accommodates 20 students, but as many as 30 individuals can take part on WVU’s campus during semester breaks. DoD employees can learn if they qualify for BMO sponsorship by sending an email to johnnye.cassel@hqda.army.mil; government contractors should submit their registration directly to WVU. Interested applicants can download registration forms from WVU’s website at <http://www.lcsee.cemr.wvu.edu/biometrics>; further information on course schedules and registration can be found at <http://cpol.army.mil/train/catalog/toc.html>.

The Department of Defense Biometrics Management Office is the central entity within the DoD responsible for leading, consolidating and coordinating the development, adoption and institutionalization of biometric technologies for combatant commands, Services and Agencies, to enhance Joint Service interoperability and warfighter operational effectiveness.

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