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DoD BMO Launches a New Website to Educate Defense Agencies, Services and Biometrics Industry about the DoD Biometrics Program

WASHINGTON, D.C., June 7, 2002 – In an effort to educate and inform Defense Agencies, Services and the biometrics industry about the DoD biometrics program, the DoD Biometrics Management Office (BMO) is launching a new website on June 10. The new site, www.c3i.osd.mil/biometrics, offers more information about the program, current initiatives, case studies, news and guidance on how Agencies and Services should request, acquire and implement biometrics. Biometrics industry vendors touring this website also can find information about how to work with DoD Agencies and Services.

“ The BMO is directed by Congress to lead, consolidate and coordinate the development, adoption and institutionalization of biometric technologies throughout DoD,” said Dr. Linda Dean, director of the Army’s C4 (Command, Control, Communications, and Computers) Enabling Technologies Directorate and the DoD Biometrics Management Office. “In order to effectively do this, we must make sure that both DoD and the biometrics industry know what the program is about and how to successfully work together.”

The DoD biometrics program was established in July 2000 as a result of Public Law 106-246. The BMO envisions that biometrics will be the universally empowering technology that ensures the right person with the right privileges has access, physical and/or network, at the right time to support warfighting dominance.

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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 in CINCs, Services and Agencies, to enhance Joint Service interoperability and warfighter operational effectiveness.

