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SUBJECT: DoD Strategic Plan for Biometrics

References: (a) Public Law 106-246, section 112, July 13, 2000  
(b) Deputy Secretary of Defense Memorandum, Executive Agent for the  
Department of Defense (DoD) Biometrics Project, December 27, 2000

The DoD Biometrics Management Office (BMO) was established in response to references (a) and (b) to ensure the availability of biometrics technologies in the Department of Defense. Biometric technologies are automated means of human identification and verification that enhance security as stand-alone applications or that provide an additional layer of assurance for existing user authentication mechanisms, such as passwords, personal identification numbers and tokens.

The BMO, acting on behalf of the Army as Executive Agent, has developed the attached Department of Defense Strategic Plan for Biometrics that establishes goals and objectives for integrating biometrics into the force structure. Components should review the plan, use the goals to help achieve Information Assurance objectives and focus activity for consolidation of effort with the BMO. The point of contact for the Strategic Plan is Mr. Shelby Fowler, (703) 681-6419, email: [Shelby.Fowler@us.army.mil](mailto:Shelby.Fowler@us.army.mil).

  
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