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## **Dr. Thomas Killion named BIMA director**

**Crystal City, VA . OC T 26, 2010** – Dr. Thomas Killion, the former Chief Scientist of the U.S. Army, has been named Director of the Biometrics Identity Management Agency (BIMA) effective October 26, 2010.

Dr. Killion succeeds Dr. Myra S. Gray, who assumes new responsibilities as G-5 for the U.S. Army Materiel Command. Dr. Gray became Director of what was then known as the G-3/5/7 Biometrics Task Force on July 8, 2007 and has spent more than three years overseeing the development of DoD biometrics policies and enterprise solutions. The Task Force was redesignated as the BIMA on March 23, 2010.

In July 2010, Dr. Killion was detailed to the Joint IED D efect O rganization (JIEDDO) to serve as Science Advisor to the Director. In that capacity, he provided scientific and technical advice on programs, developed a systematic Science and Technology (S&T) strategy and roadmap to help guide JIEDDO investments and engaged with S&T organizations within the Department of Defense, other Departments, industry, academia and internationally to leverage their efforts to counter the threat of IEDs.

From March 2004 through June 2010, Dr. Killion served as the Deputy Assistant Secretary of the Army for Research and Technology (DASA(R&T)) and Chief Scientist. He was responsible for the entire Army Research and Technology program, spanning 21 laboratories and research, development and engineering centers, more than 10,000 scientists and engineers and a 6-year budget of more than \$11 billion.



Dr. Killion was born in Wichita, Kansas and received dual B.A. degrees in Psychology and English from Saint Mary's College in Winona, Minnesota in 1974. He received his Ph.D. in Experimental Psychology from the University of Oregon, Eugene, Oregon, in 1978. Dr. Killion graduated with highest distinction from the Naval War College in May 1997.

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### **About the Biometrics Identity Management Agency**

The Biometrics Identity Management Agency (BIMA) leads Department of Defense (DoD) activities to prioritize, integrate, and synchronize biometric technologies and capabilities and to manage the DoD's authoritative biometric database to support the National Security Strategy. Housed primarily in Arlington, VA, and Clarksburg, WV, BIMA operates through the Executive Agent (EA) authority given to the Secretary of the Army (SecArmy) and delegated through the G-3/5/7. The BIMA executes day-to-day biometric functions and leads this strategic movement forward for the DoD in cooperation with the Director, Defense Biometrics and Project Manager Biometrics.