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Robert A. Mocny
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Robert A. Mocny is acting director of the United States Visitor and Immigrant Status Indicator Technology (US-VISIT) program, the largest biometric-based immigration and border management system in the world.

Operated by the U.S. Department of Homeland Security (DHS), US-VISIT is part of a continuum of security measures that begins overseas and across our land borders and continues through arrival in and departure from the United States.

Over the course of his career, he has served in several senior federal government positions related to U.S. immigration policy and operations, including director of the Entry/Exit Project and acting assistant commissioner and assistant chief inspector with the former Immigration and Naturalization Service.

Mr. Mocny is a leading authority on the evolution to an automated entry-exit border system in the United States. He led the establishment of the dedicated commuter lane program Secure Electronic Network for Traveler's Rapid Inspection (SENTRI) at U.S. land border ports and initiated the policy of interagency project teams to meet critical U.S. government mandates.

Mr. Mocny frequently testifies before Congress and speaks at international forums on biometrics and security, and is an advisor to the European Union Biometric Forum. He also provides the media with a senior government perspective on issues related to US-VISIT, advanced identification technologies, and immigration and border management. In 2005 he was appointed to represent the Department of Homeland Security on the Criminal Justice Information Services Advisory Policy Board.

Mr. Mocny holds a joint degree in Soviet and liberal studies from the University of California, Santa Barbara. He has received numerous awards in his career, including the U.S. vice president's annual Hammer Award and the Computer World Smithsonian Award for the SENTRI program's innovative use of information technology.