

West Virginia Biometrics and Identity Management Newsletter

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Unisys Awarded Contract to Provide Advanced Biometric Citizen Identification Solution to Government of Mexico

Unisys to provide technology to create new database to identify Mexican citizens using iris, fingerprint and facial biometric data



BLUE BELL, Pa. -- Unisys today announced that its Mexican subsidiary has been awarded a contract by the Secretaria de Gobernacion/Registro Nacional de Poblacion (Mexican Ministry of Internal Affairs/National Citizen Registry) to create and manage an advanced citizen identification solution using biometric technologies. The project would create a database with iris, fingerprint and facial biometric data on up to 110 million Mexican citizens that would be utilized as part of the Mexican government's larger national ID card project. The contract, awarded to a consortium comprised of Unisys and Mexican communications company AXTEL, is worth approximately \$50 million over three years, with approximately \$32 million of the contract value expected to go to Unisys. Unisys will integrate the solution, provide the IT infrastructure and manage the data center hosting the solution. AXTEL will provide communications services as well as the data center facility and the service operations center.

<http://www.marketwatch.com/story/unisys-awarded-contract-to-provide-advanced-biometric-citizen-identification-solution-to-government-of-mexico-2010-02-03?siteid=nbkh>

ImageWare Systems, Inc. and Vista LifeSciences Announce Partnership to Biometrically Enable Medical Records for Federal Government Projects

SAN DIEGO -- ImageWare Systems, Inc. (Pink Sheets:IWSY) and Vista LifeSciences announced today the formation of a strategic partnership to offer clients secure biometric identification of electronic medical records. Vista LifeSciences' products are actively used by the United States Department of Defense. Vista LifeSciences is the exclusive provider of automated neurocognitive assessment technology to the United States Department of Defense that has been used to create more than 400,000 neurocognitive assessments.

<http://www.marketwatch.com/story/imageware-systems-inc-and-vista-lifesciences-announce-partnership-to-biometrically-enable-medical-records-for-federal-government-projects-2010-02-01?siteid=nbkh>

Schneider Electric Introduces First Industrial Biometric Switch

Schneider Electric recently announced it is launching the world's first industrial switch to use biometric fingerprint-recognition technology in order to grant employee access to sensitive areas and machine functions. Schneider Electric's Harmony™ Biometric Switch is the first fingerprint-reading device designed specifically for industrial environments where security is highly critical to everyday functions, but manufacturing conditions require security systems to be "industrially hardened."

<http://www.safetyonline.com/article.mvc/Schneider-Electric-Introduces-First-0001?VNETCOOKIE=NO>

Biometric Fingerprint Car Security System

Entering a car has come a long way since Henry Ford and his Model T, where keyless entry systems are the way to go these days. Well, here's an extension to that idea - the Biometric Fingerprint Car Security System. It will be hooked up to the starter system of the car, requiring the right fingerprint before the vehicle allows authorization for you to steer away. Should 6 failed fingerprint swipes occur, the alarm will kick in to alert anyone around of a potential theft. Nice to know it can hold the profiles of up to 9 other people, which means friends and family can still drive your beloved ride. Would you fork out \$195 for added peace of mind, and perhaps top up that amount for a professional installation of the Biometric Fingerprint Car Security System?

http://www.ubergizmo.com/15/archives/2010/02/biometric_fingerprint_car_security_system.html

Dynamic Signature Verification - A Global Update of Market Trends & Opportunities

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<http://www.reportlinker.com/p0164564/Dynamic-Signature-Verification---A-Global-Update-of-Market-Trends--Opportunities.html>

In an increasingly insecure and atrocity ridden world, there is a more pressing need than ever before, to protect businesses against fraudulent activities, misappropriation, and embezzlements. The need for advanced identity management solutions at competitive prices is therefore acute in a myriad range of applications and vertical markets. Earlier it was only the large and medium sized private financial institutions and banks that were on the risk radar, but today the situation appears to have changed dramatically. Not only are the smaller, low stake businesses and banks also at equal jeopardy, but frequently even more so as the level of security is relatively less stringent. Therefore, the most obvious need of the hour is to immediately put in place and incorporate highly sophisticated, yet economical and effective authorization and verification measures for personal, business, data and transaction protection.

<http://www.marketwatch.com/story/dynamic-signature-verification-a-global-update-of-market-trends-opportunities-2010-02-02?siteid=nbkh>

L-1 Identity Solutions Named Exclusive Provider as Part of Alclear LLC Winning Bid for Verified Identity Pass (VIP) Assets

STAMFORD, Conn. -- L-1 Identity Solutions, Inc., a leading supplier of identity solutions and services, today announced that it will be the exclusive provider for the program formerly known as Registered Traveler as a result of Alclear LLC winning the competitive bid for Verified Identity Pass Inc. assets. The competitive bidding process was conducted through procedures approved by the U.S. Bankruptcy Court, Southern District of New York. In connection with Alclear's purchase of VIP's assets, L-1 is expected to receive a multi-year contract to serve as prime integrator for the program formerly known as Registered Traveler. In that role, L-1 is expected to be the exclusive provider for all of the program's systems integration, enrollment services and verification needs once the program is re-started. In recognition of its prior investments and contributions to the program, L-1 will also receive an equity investment in Alclear.

<http://www.marketwatch.com/story/l-1-identity-solutions-named-exclusive-provider-as-part-of-alclear-llc-winning-bid-for-verified-identity-pass-vip-assets-2010-02-03?siteid=nbkh>

Biometrics - Trends & Opportunities Worldwide

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<http://www.reportlinker.com/p0164202/Biometrics---Trends--Opportunities-Worldwide.html>

Increasing security concerns ranging from individual identity theft, corporate security, to even national security represents factors that are important to the biometrics market. Some countries have already rolled out biometric systems at airports and other ports of entry to check flow of illegal immigrants into their respective territories. On the technological front, non-contact systems could emerge as the answer to expel inhibitions exhibited by users. Development of industry-wide standards has been initiated by some industry groups, which would lead to lower costs and enable easier adoption of present and emerging technologies. Government initiatives could emerge as the key to biometrics growth.

<http://www.marketwatch.com/story/biometrics-trends-opportunities-worldwide-2010-01-29?siteid=nbkh>

German grocery stores experiment with payment by fingerprint

Cologne, Germany - The tension level at the grocery store checkout sometimes rises when a customer needs extra time because they have no cash and therefore have to pay with a bank card. This is especially true in Germany where there is almost always a line at the cash register and it's standard for customers to have to bag their own groceries. Some supermarkets in the country are working to remedy this problem by using a fingerprint scanner to verify identity and make the electronic payment.

<http://www.earthtimes.org/articles/show/307443.german-grocery-stores-experiment-with-payment-by-fingerprint.html>

Brigham Young University-Hawaii Selects TimeLink's Biometric WorkPoint Leverages Existing Investment in PeopleSoft

Purchase, NY - Brigham Young University-Hawaii (BYU-Hawaii) is an accredited four-year undergraduate institution with a unique international student population. While providing superior education and instruction across numerous areas of study, BYU-Hawaii strives to maintain a commitment to operational efficiency and continuous improvement across all aspects of the University. After making an investment in PeopleSoft Time and Labor 9.0 as a workforce management solution, BYU-Hawaii sought a way to automate the collection of time from their varied and diverse workforce; from students who are employed on campus to full-time university employees, and they chose TimeLink (<http://www.timelink.com>) in support of their goal to increase the efficiency of daily operations and streamline business processes. As a part of their overall TimeLink solution, BYU-Hawaii also chose to implement TimeLink's Biometric WorkPoint 3100 series of devices to ensure that all employees and students are paid accurately.

<http://www.findbiometrics.com/industry-news/i/7732/>

Get tweets from WVBI

Become a follower of wvbio on Twitter and stay up to date with the latest tweets from West Virginia Biometrics Initiative executive director Mike Kirkpatrick.

<http://twitter.com/wvbio>

Rural Hospitals Prescribe Gov 2.0 Solution with Digital Dashboards

If state and local governments need proof that strategic partnerships can attract federal funding for smart technology, public officials might want to examine two community hospitals in a rural strip of northern Ohio. Supported by federal stimulus funds, Fisher-Titus Medical Center in Norwalk, Ohio, and Magruder Hospital in Port Clinton, Ohio, plan to implement Cerner health-care technology systems in the next 10 months, a move that would put the two organizations among the first all-digital, smart hospitals in the nation.

<http://www.govtech.com/gt/articles/744009>

Tyndall Switching to New ID System

Tyndall Air Force Base will begin using a new ID scanning system this April. Officials want to make sure everyone who goes on base is registered. Guards at Tyndall's gates will scan a bar code on the ID card that contains information, like a person's name and height. 7,000 people have already registered with the Defense Biometric Identification System (DBIDS). But, Tyndall officials are trying to let retirees know about the change. It is a Department of Defense initiative that streamlines ID and security systems on base. It lets officials know who should be allowed on the premises. MSgt. A.J. Perreault said the system would "allow us the ability to better secure the base, gives the security force members at the gate better ability to secure the area before they get a look at the ID card."

<http://www.wjhg.com/home/headlines/83588717.html>

Colorado cops get first ID eye-scanners

Arapahoe wins federal grant for biometric ID system

Arapahoe County will become the first law enforcement agency in Colorado to begin identifying criminals, missing children and seniors using biometric analysis of the human iris. A technician from the software and hardware developer demonstrated how their device analyzes the iris, which has 235 identifying points of reference, versus a fingerprint's 65. "Fingerprints change but irises stay stable throughout your life," said Patricia Lawton of Biometric Intelligence and Identifying Technologies, "Which is why it's a great biometric to identify somebody with."

<http://www.kdvr.com/news/kdvr-eye-identification-020510.0.6805370.story>

Potential BlackBerry biometrics provokes worry

Research In Motion (RIM), developers of BlackBerry smart phones and mobile devices, have extended a patent for biometric scanners embedded into their phones to include a fingerprint scanner built into the new BlackBerry Trackpad, according to a Network World article. While the patent extension and potential implementation of such technology into RIM's devices could become a key security upgrade for corporate usage, however, the technology has some worried.

<http://www.thirdfactor.com/2010/02/01/potential-blackberry-biometrics-provokes-worry>

WVBI Web Site Now Links to NCWV Employment Opportunities

The West Virginia Biometrics Initiative Web site is now listing employment opportunities with biometrics/identity management, technology, and consulting companies doing business in West Virginia. To learn how your company can be linked to our site, contact Bob McLaughlin at (304) 677-9961 or rmclaughlin@i79developmentcouncil.com. This is a great time to "come home to West Virginia" due to the vibrant and expanding technology sector in north central West Virginia (NCWV). Contrary to most parts of the country, many companies in NCWV have the "Help Wanted" sign out. To view job opportunities, go to <http://www.wvbiometrics.org/links/west-virginia-companies-employment-pages/>.

Meeting and Conference Dates

Winter 2010 Biometrics Summit

Attend the longest running, world renowned forum for advanced identification solutions including...Finger Print Technology, Iris Recognition, Smart Cards, and Vascular Biometrics. There will be over 20 innovative speakers who will share strategies and experiences in implementing biometrics. Register by December 8th to receive a discount.

Dates: February 22-25, 2010

Location: Miami, FL

http://www.aliconferences.com/conf/biometrics_summit_winter10/index.htm

WVBI to Host Forum with FBI Assistant Director on March 2nd

The West Virginia Biometrics Initiative will host a forum with FBI Assistant Director Daniel D. Roberts on March 2, 2010, at 3pm at the WVHTF Research Building auditorium, Fairmont, WV. Roberts leads the FBI's Criminal Justice Information Services (CJIS) Division in Clarksburg, WV, and will be providing an update on CJIS activities, as well as his thoughts on the future directions of biometrics and identity management. No reservations are required. Contact WVBI Executive Director Mike Kirkpatrick at (304) 594-9004 or mdkirkpatrick@wvbiometrics.org to have any questions answered.

3rd Annual Biometrics for National Security and Defense

Biometrics for national security and defense has come a long way in the last few years with leaps of new technological innovation, but more advancements in multi-modal and ruggedized equipment are still needed to improve database accuracy. Additionally, there is a great demand for advanced biometric solutions by the White House, DoD, and DHS initiatives such as HSPD 24, HSPD 12, and US-VISIT.

IDGA's 3rd Annual Biometrics for National Security and Defense is your opportunity to meet with key decision-makers and technology experts on what the government's next steps are in securing our warfighters, our government employees, and our homeland for the years to come.

Dates: March 15-17, 2010

Location: Washington, DC

http://www.biometricsevent.com/Event.aspx?id=239712&mac=IDGA_Events_Learn_Listing_2010&utm_source=idga.org&utm_medium=iq_partner&utm_campaign=iq_eventlist&utm_content=text&utm_term=eventpage_learnlink

ISC WEST

Join end-users of security, system integrators, dealers/installers and manufacturers from around the world at the one event that connects the entire security industry. ISC West 2010 is your best resource to discover the newest products from leading manufacturers, training and education tailored specifically to your needs, and unlimited networking opportunities. When it comes to security, ISC West is everything you need in a single event. As the only security event to be recognized in 2009 as one of the Fastest 50 Growing Tradeshows in North America, ISC West is the most valuable and efficient way to reach the entire security market and position your business for growth in 2010.

Dates: March 23-25, 2010

Location: Las Vegas, NV

<http://www.iscwest.com/>

Biometric Technology for Human Identification Conference

Conference chairs include: B. V. K. Vijaya Kumar, Carnegie Mellon Univ., Salil Prabhakar, DigitalPersona Inc., and Arun A. Ross, West Virginia Univ.. Discussions on topics including face analysis, fingerprint analysis, large-scale system security and privacy, statistical modeling and evaluation, iris and emerging biometrics, soft biometrics and forensics, multimodal biometrics, and face and ear analysis. Register by March 19th to receive a discount.

Dates: April 5-6, 2010

Location: Orlando, FL

http://spie.org/app/program/index.cfm?fuseaction=conferencedetail&export_id=x12502&ID=x6770&redir=x6770.xml&conference_id=900601&event_id=894275&programtrack_id=900569

Procurement News

Sponsoring Agency:
Department of the Army

Response Date:
February 28, 2010

Solicitation Number:
W15QKN-10-X-0347

Description:

The U.S. Army, Army Contracting Command (ACC), Joint Munitions & Lethality (JM&L) Contracting Center, Picatinny Arsenal, NJ 07806-5000, on behalf of the U.S. Army Armament Research Development and Engineering Center (ARDEC) is conducting market research to locate interested sources capable of providing information in the field of Biometrics. The U.S. Fire Control Systems Technology Division is requesting information regarding the field of Biometrics, including all products, services, technology, ideas, concepts, prototypes, and research. Primary interests lie in the following categories: Standoff Identification, Target Acquisition & Assessment, Base & Checkpoint Security, Border Control, Detainee Operations, Forensics & Intelligence, Algorithm Development, Threat, Event & Situational Awareness and Artificial Intelligence/ Neural Networks. Additionally, research, development, and ideas are welcomed in biometric fields other than those listed above.

https://www.fbo.gov/index?s=opportunity&mode=form&id=8b96054865da199b5de5794733febea8&tab=core&_cview=0

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