



One Hundred Eighth Congress  
 U.S. House of Representatives  
 Select Committee on Homeland Security  
 Washington, DC 20515

## BIOMETRICS SURVEY – FEDERAL AGENCIES

For purposes of this survey, "biometrics" includes fingerprints, eye retinas and irises, voice patterns, DNA, and facial patterns. Please include in this survey only those biometrics programs that collect information from the general public. If your agency collects biometrics from its employees or contractors with which your agency has a professional relationship, please do not include those programs.

1. Does your agency currently collect, or plan to collect in the future, biometrics from the general public for any of its programs and initiatives? (If the answer is no, please let the Committee staff know this fact. You do not have to complete the rest of this survey). No.
2. For every program and initiative that uses biometrics technology, please answer the following questions:
  - Please identify the program/initiative and the purpose for using biometrics.
  - What is the type of biometrics technology used?
  - How much did it cost your agency to implement the use of biometrics for the program/initiative and what is the FY04 projected cost for using the technology?
  - Is the use of biometrics for this program or initiative mandated by statute or rule? If so, please explain how, or provide the statutory or regulatory citation.
  - How is the biometrics information gathered, collected, and stored?
  - Is the information accessible by other agencies or other entities (including contractors, vendors, and state and local governments)?
  - Please describe the security measures used to protect the biometric information that is gathered, including any limitations on accessing the information.
  - Did your agency conduct any privacy assessments for this use of biometrics? If so, please attach copies of any relevant assessments.
  - At what rate have false-positives been returned during the use of biometrics in this program?
  - What is the process in place to ensure that there is not repeated false-positives in the system?
3. Please provide a copy of any procedures or policies your agency has in place regarding the use of biometrics. If these procedures or policies are program or initiative specific, please indicate so.

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Please complete this survey and return it to Jessica Herrera, Counsel and Professional Staff, House Select Committee on Homeland Security, LA 228-Democratic Office, 101 Independence Avenue, SE, Washington, DC 20530, by MARCH 31, 2004. Alternatively, the survey can be faxed to Ms. Herrera's attention at 202 226-4499.