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SUBJECT: IPSS MARKET RESEARCH

The Facilities Security Branch (FSB) conducted market research to determine whether the agency should continue to develop IPSS or replace the system. This analysis was conducted by FSB and the Personnel Security Branch (PSB) during the period of September 2007 through February 2008, with contractor assistance as part of the HSPD-12 consulting contract. Many products were reviewed, including Personal Identity Verification (PIV) software from Bearing Point, Intercede, Lenel, GE Security, e-SSmart, and GSA's USAccess. After reviewing software products from various vendors and contacting other government agencies, it was determined that, though several of these software packages meet many of the requirements of the agency, none of them met all of the requirements currently met by IPSS. Therefore, FSB and PSB should continue to maintain and upgrade IPSS, as needed, until a suitable replacement is available.

Enclosure