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Robert A. Mocny
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Robert A. Mocny leads the U.S. Department of Homeland Security's (DHS) US-VISIT program. US-VISIT was established to accurately record the entry and exit of travelers to the United States by collecting biographic information and biometrics—digital fingerprints and photographs.

Today, US-VISIT's identity management services—the collection, analysis and storage of biometric data—provide critical information to decision makers throughout federal, state and local agencies when and where they need it.

Mr. Mocny has served at US-VISIT since its inception, first as deputy director and then as acting director before his appointment to director in April 2007. Today, he leads the strategic development and deployment of US-VISIT.

Mr. Mocny supports a vision of increased cooperation in biometrics-based border security standards worldwide and serves as an advisor to the European Union Biometric Forum. He was also a member of the International Biometric Advisory Council, a group composed of representatives from national governments, international security organizations, and the private sector that advocates global cooperation on issues such as standards and interoperability. In 2005, Mr. Mocny was appointed to the newly formed Advisory Policy Board for the FBI's Criminal Justice Information Services, which works to improve information-sharing between law enforcement agencies.

Before joining US-VISIT, Mr. Mocny served in senior positions related to U.S. immigration policy and operations at the former Immigration and Naturalization Service (INS), including as director of the Entry/Exit Project, acting assistant commissioner and assistant chief inspector. While at INS, 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 holds a degree in Soviet studies from the University of California, Santa Barbara. He has received numerous awards in his career, including U.S. Vice President Al Gore's annual Hammer Award for the SENTRI program's innovative use of information technology.