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Top Skills

Management
Homeland Security
Government

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Summary

Experienced Government Senior Executive with over 25 years of successful management experience in the Homeland Security field. Strong program and project management professional with 20 years of experience managing biometric programs, projects and operations.

Experience

U.S. Department of Homeland Security
Director Office of Biometric Identity Management
April 2013 - Present (10 years 5 months)

On March 26, 2013, the Consolidated and Further Continuing Appropriations Act, 2013, designated the Office of Biometric Identity Management (OBIM), a subcomponent of the National Protection and Programs Directorate, as the lead entity within the U.S. Department of Homeland Security (DHS) responsible for biometric identity management services. OBIM assumes the cross-cutting responsibility from what was known as the United States Visitor and Immigrant Status Indicator Technology (US-VISIT) program: serving DHS components and other Federal Departments, State, local, and tribal law enforcement, the Intelligence Community and foreign partners. The vision that OBIM seeks to achieve is a homeland that is safe, secure, and resilient through advanced biometric identity services, information sharing, and analysis. OBIM's mission is to provide enduring identity services to DHS and its mission partners that advance informed decision making by producing accurate, timely, and high assurance biometric identity information and analysis.

OBIM operates and maintains the Automated Biometric Identification System (IDENT). By matching, storing, sharing and analyzing biometric data, OBIM provides partners or the front lines of homeland security with rapid, accurate, and secure identification.

Department of Homeland Security
Deputy Director of the US-VISIT Program
August 2007 - March 2013 (5 years 8 months)

US-VISIT supports the Department of Homeland Security's mission to protect our nation by providing biometric identification services to federal, state and local government decision makers to help them accurately identify the people they encounter and determine whether those people pose a risk to the United States.

US-VISIT's most visible service is the collection of biometrics—digital fingerprints and a photograph—from international travelers at U.S. visa-issuing posts and ports of entry. Collecting this information helps immigration officers determine whether a person is eligible to receive a visa or enter the United States. The biometric collection process is simple, convenient and secure.

US-VISIT's innovative use of biometrics prevents identity fraud and deprives criminals and immigration violators of the ability to cross our borders. US-VISIT also supports the Department's ability to identify international travelers who have remained in the United States beyond their period of admission by analyzing biographical information.

By providing decision makers with the information they need where and when they need it, US-VISIT is helping to make U.S. immigration and border management efforts more collaborative, more streamlined and more effective.

DHS, US-VISIT
Assistant Director for Program Integration
December 2006 - August 2007 (9 months)

Department of Homeland Security, US-VISIT Program
Director of Implementation Management
May 2003 - December 2006 (3 years 8 months)

Education

Harvard Kennedy School
SEF, Senior Executive Fellow · (2008 - 2008)

University of North Texas

Master's, Public Administration · (1991 - 1993)

Louisiana College
B.A., History · (1984 - 1986)