



## **News Release**

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# **First Volume of Biometric Technology Application Manual Now Available**

## **Comprehensive Biometric Reference Published by NBSP**

Washington, DC (6 Sept. '06) -- Published by the National Biometric Security Project (NBSP), *The Biometric Technology Application Manual (BTAM)* is a comprehensive reference manual on biometric technology applications. This reference work, in two volumes, has been compiled for biometric technology users and for those who are evaluating the integration of biometrics into new or existing security systems. The BTAM is intended to be a rational and practical tool for those who specify, buy, integrate, operate, and manage biometric technology-based systems.

According to John E. Siedlarz, NBSP Chairman and CEO, "With the expanded deployment of biometric technologies to achieve greater identity assurance the need for an authoritative and regularly updated reference and data base on virtually all aspects of biometrics is a pressing requirement."

**BTAM Volume 1** is a comprehensive primer on biometrics. Key topic areas include:

- Fundamentals of biometric technologies and how they work;
- Charts summarizing the comparison of various biometric modalities
- The biometric system design process including operational considerations and performance expectations
- A detailed review of biometric standards development processes supplemented with summaries of published and emerging standards;
- In-depth review of current testing protocols and system evaluation including performance measures and compliance with standards
- Analysis of the various societal issues – legal, privacy, and user psychology – that are critical to selecting and implementing a successful biometric-based security and identification management solution.

### **BTAM Volume 2 – Applying Biometrics**

Currently in development Volume 2 is the follow-on to Volume 1, moving from the fundamental information about biometrics to more specific case studies and applications. Volume 2 focuses on what a buyer/end-user needs to know to make an informed purchase decision. This is supplemented with case studies of biometric technologies - why the technology worked (or didn't work); and why it was chosen over other options. Applications presented will include both U.S. and international deployments, and include civil infrastructure (both government and private sector), state and regional, and urban and local examples. Volume 2 is scheduled for publication in the first quarter of 2007.

BTAM, Vol. 1 is available in hard copy (three –ring binder) and digital (cd) versions from NBSP. Hard copy costs are \$35.00 for government personnel and \$50.00 for non-government. CD's are \$3.00 for government personnel and \$10.00 for non-government. To order please go to [www.nationalbiometric.org](http://www.nationalbiometric.org) and click on BTAM.

### **About NBSP**

NBSP is a not-for-profit test, research and analysis organization focused entirely on the application of biometrics to improve the security of the U.S. civil infrastructure. NBSP services are available to government agencies at the federal, state, and local level and private sector agencies responsible for maintaining key components of the national infrastructure. The organization can also support non-U.S. nations and organizations involved in the international anti-terrorist coalition when sanctioned by the U.S. government. Established as a non-profit agency to assure its objectivity and user-oriented approach, NBSP client services range from operational/functional requirements definition to standards development, technology/product test and evaluation, research, and data services.

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