



News Release

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**National Biometric Security Project Receives ISO/IEC 17025
Accreditation for Biometric Performance, Conformance, and
FIPS 201 Testing**

**Premier Round of Biometric Product Performance Tests to Begin Under ISO 17025
Requirements in Mid-December**

Company also receives ISO 9001 Certification

Washington, DC (4 December 2006) – The National Biometric Security Project today announced that its Test, Research and Data Center [TRDC Services, LLC] in Morgantown, West Virginia has received ISO/IEC 17025 [General Requirements for Competence of Testing and Calibration Laboratories] accreditation. The NBSP organization as a whole also received ISO 9001 Certification [Quality Management Systems Requirements]. In a related announcement, NBSP stated that it will initiate its premier round of biometric performance testing as part of its Qualified Product List testing program.

According to John E. Siedlarz, Chairman and CEO of NBSP, the ISO/IEC 17025 accreditation; which covers performance testing, conformance testing and custom testing programs as well as FIPS 201* Biometric Reader Test Procedures: "...uniquely positions NBSP as the world's only ISO-accredited laboratory exclusively dedicated to biometrics. These important registrations enhance our mission of supporting infrastructure protection objectives through evaluation and qualification of biometric products."

ISO/IEC 17025:2005 specifies the general requirements for the competence to carry out tests. It covers testing performed using standard methods, non-standard methods and laboratory-developed methods. Laboratory customers, regulatory authorities and accreditation bodies use it in confirming or recognizing the competence of laboratories.

"With ISO accreditation in hand," Siedlarz continued, "we are now ready to begin the first commercial round of our Qualified Products List (QPL) testing program. Four biometric device manufacturers, representing multiple mainstream biometric modalities will begin testing by mid-December. In the QPL testing process, each biometric device is tested over a six to eight week period by at least 200 NBSP trained operators. During this period, each device is activated a minimum of 10,000 times. The performance measures, determined by actual activations as opposed to theoretical computer

analyses, address False Accept, False Reject, Failure to Acquire, Failure to Enroll, and Throughput Rates.”

Siedlarz also stated that QPL test results will be available to government and industry for consideration in conducting product/source selections. Dan Nickell, NBSP's Vice President of Operations went on to say that: “The QPL will reduce need for repetitive tests of products by each acquiring organization; fulfill the need for a primary objective performance evaluation; reduce the sales cycle for products that qualify and save the buyer time and money.”

About NBSP

The National Biometric Security Project (NBSP) is a not-for-profit biometrics testing, training, research and analysis organization focused on improving the security of the U.S. national infrastructure as well as personal identity by enhancing identity assurance through biometrics. NBSP client services include acquisition support, technology, scenario and operational testing, training, standards development and data services. As a non-profit agency, NBSP is able to assure objectivity and focus on a user-oriented approach to biometric testing and technology development.

About TRDC Services, LLC

TRDC Services, LLC was established by NBSP to provide objective testing and certification of biometric identification and security equipment, which it does at the Test, Research and Data Center in West Virginia. Like NBSP, TRDC Services, LLC is a not-for-profit organization, wholly owned by NBSP, whose services are available to government agencies at the federal, state, and local level, and to private sector agencies responsible for maintaining key components of the national infrastructure.

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* Federal Information Processing Standard (FIPS) 201, entitled *Personal Identity Verification of Federal Employees and Contractors*, was developed to satisfy the requirements of HSPD 12, approved by the Secretary of Commerce, and issued on February 25, 2005.

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