



# **DATA MANGEMENT IMPROVEMENT ACT TASK FORCE**

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## **IN BRIEF**

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July 2003

**CHAIR:**

*Secretary of Homeland Security interim designee:  
Bureau of Customs and Border Protection*

**MEMBERS:**

*Air Transport Association*

*Airports Council International*

*American Association of Port Authorities*

*American Trucking Associations, Inc.*

*Border Trade Alliance*

*Canadian/American Border Trade Alliance*

*International Council of Cruise Lines*

*National Association of Counties*

*National Governors Association*

*Travel Industry Association of America*

*US Chamber of Commerce*

*US Department of Commerce*

*US Department of Homeland Security/  
Bureau of Customs and Border Protection*

*US Department of State*

*US Department of Transportation designee:  
US Dept. of Homeland Security/ Transportation Security Administration*

- July 1- 31: Extensive work done by information technology (IT) consultants from Los Alamos National Laboratory (LANL) and Office of the Executive Director regarding the IT work for the DMIA 2003 Report to Congress.
  - Focus on IT interoperability, data integration, biometrics, and related issues for border management systems across organizational lines.
  - Updates and ongoing coordination efforts:
    - July 8: Assistant Secretary Parney Albright, Directorate of Science and Technology and other senior staff.
    - July 8: Mitre Corporation and Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory.
    - July 9: US-VISIT Program Executive Director, Jim Williams.
    - July 9: Department of Homeland Security (DHS) Chief Information Officer (CIO) Steve Cooper and other CIOs from component Bureaus and agencies.
    - July 10: Customs and Border Protection (CBP) technical staff.
- July 1-31: Extensive work done by report production staff from Star Mountain and Office of the Executive Director regarding the DMIA 2003 Report to Congress:
  - Focus on gathering information from Task Force members, relevant agencies, and various site visit on cooperation and coordination among federal, state, local, and private entities; facilities and infrastructure at the Ports-of-Entry (POEs); and other issues and challenges facing the border management environment.
- July 22: Executive Director briefings to Directorate of Border and Transportation Security (BTS):
  - Executive Director updates and ongoing transition and outreach issues with Assistant Secretary Stewart Verdery and senior staff.
- July 21-25: DMIA Task Force site visit to CBP field operations offices in Vancouver, Canada; Blaine, WA; and Seattle, WA:
  - Fact-finding mission that viewed facilities and operations at the CBP field offices at Vancouver International Airport, Pacific Highway and Peach Arch POEs, Seattle-Tacoma International Airport and Pier 30 Cruise Terminal and received briefings and demonstrations of land border (vehicle and rail) operations, airport operations, seaport operations, facilities, automated inspections projects (NEXUS) and pre-inspections projects from BTS officials.
- July 31: DMIA Task Force Administrative meeting:
  - Transfer of DMIA Task Force chair from CBP to BTS and reporting structure established for Task Force, through Executive Director, to Assistant Secretary, Stewart Verdery, BTS.