



DATA MANGEMENT IMPROVEMENT ACT TASK FORCE

IN BRIEF

August – September 2003

CHAIR:

Secretary of Homeland Security designee: Under Secretary for Border and Transportation Security

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

- August 1: Assistant Secretary for Policy and Planning, Directorate of Border and Transportation Security (BTS) assumes chairmanship of the Task Force on behalf of the Under Secretary for BTS.
- August 1- September 30: 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:
 - August 13: IT briefing for senior staff, Office of Chief Information Officer, Bureau of Customs and Border Protection (CBP).
 - September 10: IT briefing for BTS, CBP, Bureau of Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE), US VISIT, and Department of State.
 - September 11: IT briefing for DMIA Task Force members.
 - Ongoing discussions with technical teams of other Department of Homeland Security (DHS) IT components to ensure coordination of IT efforts.
- August 1- September 30: Extensive work done by report production staff from Star Mountain and Office of the Executive Director regarding the DMIA 2003 Report to Congress.
- August 5-8: DMIA Task Force site visit to CBP, Transportation Security Administration (TSA), and US Coast Guard (USCG) field operations and offices in Miami, FL:
 - Fact-finding mission that viewed facilities and operations at the CBP and TSA field offices at Miami International Airport, the Port of Miami, and the USCG operations along the Miami River; received briefings and demonstrations of airport operations, seaport operations, facilities, and security and facilitation issues from government and industry.
- September 16: Canadian/American Border Trade Alliance annual conference:
 - Executive Director's ongoing coordination and outreach efforts.
- September: 23: DMIA Task Force decision meeting (Closed meeting):
 - Task Force members reach consensus on all recommendations that were voted on regarding facilities and infrastructure; IT interoperability; and increasing cooperation and coordination among federal/state/local/private industry groups, in addition to an update on US VISIT recommendations.