

# Data Management Improvement Act (DMIA) Task Force

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# Data Management Improvement Act

On June 15, 2000, the Immigration and Naturalization Service Data Management Improvement Act of 2000 (DMIA) was enacted. This law amends Section 110 of the Illegal Immigration Reform and Immigrant Responsibility Act and requires:

1. The Attorney General to establish a seventeen member Task Force by December 15, 2000. (DMIA Task Force)
2. The implementation of an integrated entry exit data system within specified timelines. (Legacy INS Entry/Exit Project Team, now US-VISIT Program Office)

# Transition to the Department of Homeland Security

/// March 1, 2003: DMIA Task Force transitioned into the Department of Homeland Security (DHS).

/// July 31, 2003: DMIA Task Force and Chair transitioned to the Border and Transportation Security Directorate; Assistant Secretary for Policy and Planning, C. Stewart Verdery, becomes the designated chairman.

# DMIA Task Force Requirements

/// The Task Force is specifically mandated to evaluate:

1. How the Attorney General can efficiently and effectively carry out Section 110 as amended (entry/exit).
2. How the United States can improve the flow of traffic at airports, seaports, and land border POEs through:
  - Enhancing systems for data collection and data sharing including the integrated entry and exit data system described in Section 110 as amended, by better use of technology, resources, and personnel;

# DMIA Task Force Requirements

- Increasing cooperation between public and private sectors;
- Increasing cooperation among Federal agencies and between Federal and state agencies; and
- Modifying information technology systems while taking into account the different data systems, infrastructure, and processing procedures at airports, seaports, and land border POEs.

# DMIA Task Force Requirements

3. The cost of implementing each of its recommendations.

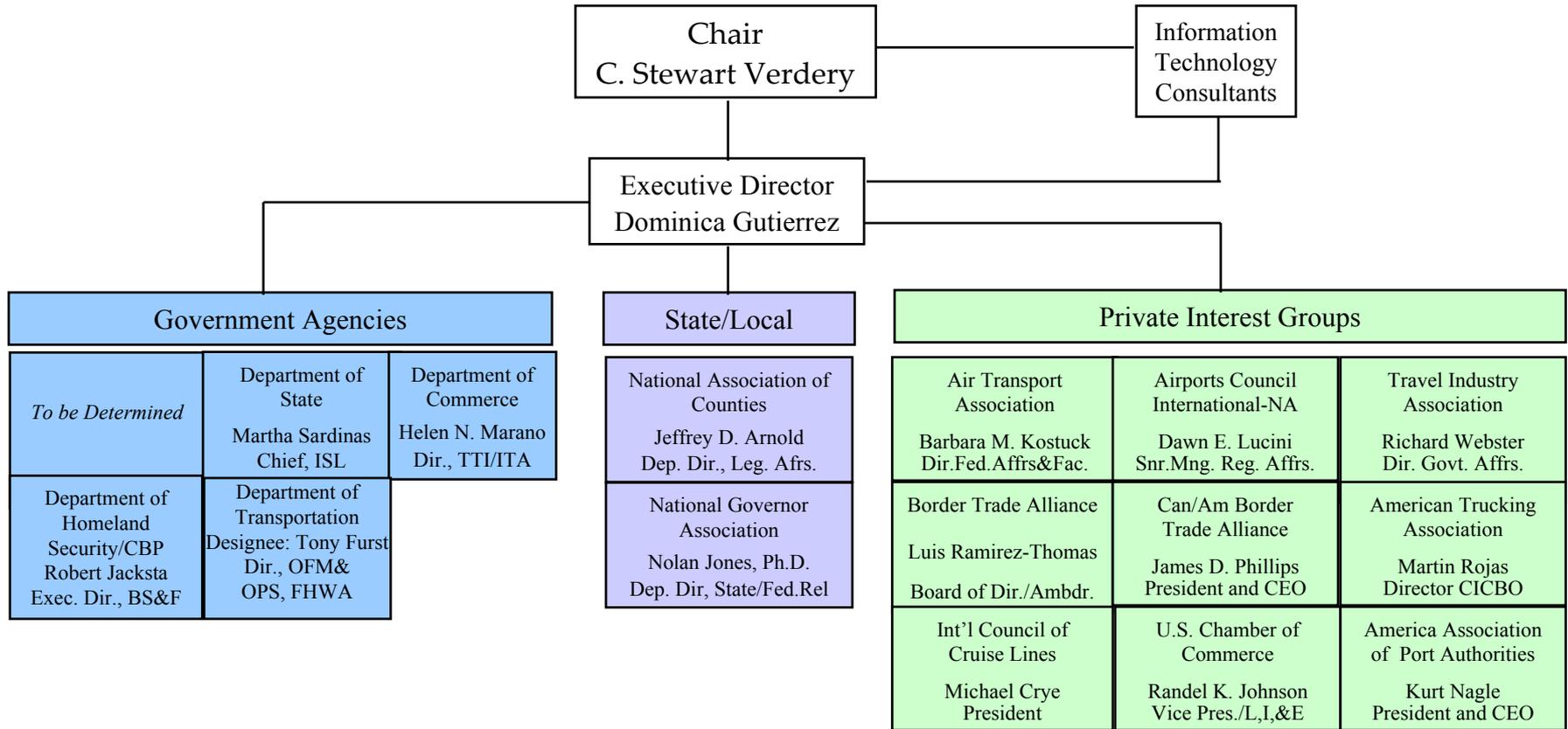
/// The Attorney General (now the Secretary of DHS) will submit a report to Congress containing the findings, conclusions, and recommendations of the Task Force not later than December 31, 2002, and each year thereafter in which the Task Force is in existence.

# DMIA Task Force Requirements

/// The Task Force membership should include:

- a) representatives of Federal, State and local agencies with an interest in immigration and naturalization, travel and tourism, transportation, trade, law enforcement, national security or the environment, and
- b) private sector representatives of affected industries and groups.

# DMIA Task Force Components



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# DMIA Task Force in 2002: Highlights

- /// February 20, 2002 Initial Kickoff Meeting, Open Public Meeting per Federal Advisory Committee Act rules. Commissioner Ziglar addresses group and importance of work to be done by public sector and private industry.
  
- /// Various DMIA Task Force and stakeholders meetings throughout the year and site visits to:
  - Buffalo, NY
  - Detroit, MI
  - San Diego, CA
  - Baltimore, MD
  - Washington, DC area.

# DMIA Task Force in 2002: Highlights cont.

- /// December 3, 2002: Then Attorney General Ashcroft signed the DMIA Task Force charter renewal through December 2004 in order to complete statutory work, allowing the Task Force to continue its statutory responsibilities.
- /// December 31, 2002 first Task Force recommendations report submitted to Congress.

# DMIA Task Force in 2003

In 2003 the Task Force moved to other statutory requirements, focusing on three main areas for their next report to Congress:

**/// Increasing Cooperation and Coordination**

**/// Facilities and Infrastructure**

**/// Information Technology Interoperability**

# DMIA Task Force in 2003: Highlights

/// Held various DMIA Task Force meetings; met with local stakeholders and industry representatives; and visited the following sites throughout the year to observe border management-related operations:

- Los Angeles, CA area
- San Diego, CA
- Tucson, AZ
- El Paso, Texas
- U.S. Consulate General, Ciudad Juarez, Mexico
- Vancouver, Canada
- Seattle, WA
- Miami, FL.

# DMIA Task Force in 2003: Highlights cont.

/// Los Alamos National Laboratory Technical Team analyzed 50 systems in the border management arena; performed technical assessments of each; and have developed a conceptual plan for increased IT effectiveness in the border management systems.

-Hosted a well-received workshop on Information Technology Interoperability on June 4-5

/// 2003 DMIA Task Force report to Congress due on December 31 is on schedule.

Question and Answer Session

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Conclusion