MOCNY APPOINTED ACTING DIRECTOR OF THE US-VISIT PROGRAM

Robert A. Mocny, Acting Director, US-VISIT Program

Department of Homeland Security Secretary Michael Chertoff today appointed Robert A. Mocny to the position of acting director of the US-VISIT program.

US-VISIT is part of a continuum of biometrically-based security measures that begins overseas and across our land borders and continues through arrival in and departure from the United States.

Mocny follows James A. (Jim) Williams, who recently became the commissioner of the Federal Acquisition Service at the General Services Administration.

As deputy director of US-VISIT since 2003, Mocny was responsible for the day-to-day operations of the program. This included managing the development and deployment of the biometrics-based program, which integrates and makes available vital information to appropriate federal organizations for immigration and border management purposes.

Over the course of his career, he has served in several senior federal government positions related to U.S. immigration policy and operations, including acting assistant commissioner and assistant chief inspector with the former Immigration and Naturalization Service.

Mocny is a leading authority on the evolution to an automated entry-exit border system in the United States. He led the establishment of the dedicated commuter lane program Secure Electronic Network for Traveler's Rapid Inspection (SENTRI) at U.S. land border ports and initiated the policy of interagency project teams to meet critical U.S. government mandates.

To date, over 60 million international visitors applying for admission at U.S. ports of entry have been processed through US-VISIT, and more than 1,170 criminals or immigration violators have been stopped at entry to the United States with the help of US-VISIT biometric procedures.