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## Border Patrol Begins Construction on SBI<sup>net</sup> Technology on Northern Border

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**Selfridge ANGB, Mich.** — U.S. Border Patrol began construction Wednesday on the deployment of eleven Remote Video Surveillance Sites in the Detroit Sector as part of Customs and Border Protections initiative to enhance the use of technology in securing the northern border against illegal cross-border activity. The Northern Border Project will provide RVSS surveillance capabilities in the Detroit Sector using technology similar to what is already in use along the southwest border.

“The Northern Border Project technology deployment will improve our situational awareness, decrease response time and allow our agents to more effectively identify and resolve illegal cross border incursions,” said Detroit Sector Border Patrol Chief Patrol Agent Randy Gallegos.

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Construction crews break ground on Remote Video Surveillance Sites in Detroit.

Each RVSS tower is comprised of a total of four cameras – two day and two night cameras. The Northern Border Project will deploy technology along the St. Clair River, from Lake Huron to Lake St. Clair covering approximately 37 miles of a mix of rural, residential, commercial and riverine environments.

The Northern Border Project in the Detroit Sector will include 11 RVSS sites – nine camera towers and two cameras on existing structures. The Detroit Sector project began with installing a camera system on top of the Port Huron city building followed by Wednesday's groundbreaking of a

RVSS tower next to the old Marysville Border Patrol Station on River Road in Marysville, Mich.

“It's taken us two years and countless hours of work to get to this. I couldn't be happier with seeing the ground breaking,” said Special Operations Supervisor Greg Lambert. “It's a great day, not only are we making our nations border more secure, but were also giving back to the local community by using local contractors.”

The deployment of technology along the northern border is part of a larger border security strategy that assists CBP frontline officers and agents. SBI<sup>net</sup> is the component of SBI charged with developing and installing technology solutions to help gain effective control of our nation's borders. The right mix of technology and personnel is considered for each part of the border based on the operational needs of Border Patrol agents. The deployment of RVSS cameras along the St. Clair River is scheduled to conclude by early 2010.

To find out more about SBI visit the CBP web site. ( [Secure Border Initiative \(SBI\)](#) )

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