National Center for Border Security and Immigration

A DHS Center of Excellence

THE NATIONAL CENTER FOR BORDER SECURITY AND IMMIGRATION, CO-LED BY THE UNIVERSITY OF ARIZONA IN TUCSON AND THE UNIVERSITY OF TEXAS AT EL PASO, IS DEVELOPING TECHNOLOGIES, TOOLS AND ADVANCED METHODS TO BALANCE IMMIGRATION AND TRADE WITH EFFECTIVE BORDER SECURITY, AS WELL AS ASSESS THREATS AND VULNERABILITIES, IMPROVE SURVEILLANCE AND SCREENING, ANALYZE IMMIGRATION TRENDS, AND ENHANCE POLICY AND LAW ENFORCEMENT EFFORTS.

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Recent Successes

BORDERS 1st Annual Review

BORDERS held its first Annual Review at the University of Arizona in Tucson on December 2-4, 2009. Over 70 people were in attendance throughout the 3 days, bringing together BORDERS partners, DHS officials, industry representatives, international border experts and a variety of regional stakeholders to share and discuss the progress of BORDERS’ research.

Those in attendance included representatives from Congresswoman Giffords’ office, DHS S&T, Customs and Border Protection (Border Patrol and Office of Field Operations), USCIS, DOJ, U.S. Army Intelligence Center at Ft. Huachuca, US Army – CERDEC (Communications-Electronics Research, Development, and Engineering Center), FRONTEX (the agency that coordinates the border security operations for the EU Member States), Raytheon, Northrop Grumman, and Ball Aerospace.

Researchers presented findings from 30 on-going research projects and the directors presented highlights of the year, including additional projects funded by DHS.

Presentations from the annual review are available from the DHS Program Manager, Theophilos Gemelas.

BORDERS and START Awarded Funding for Study of Border Crossings and U.S. Terrorist Attacks

The BORDERS and START Centers of Excellence have been awarded funding for a collaborative study called “Crossings and U.S. Terrorist Attacks: Lessons for Protecting against Dangerous Entrants”. The project, funded by DHS S&T, is designed to provide guidance on border screening methods and techniques that will be effective in identifying individuals who might pose a threat based on empirical analysis of behaviors by actors who have been involved in previous terrorist attacks in the U.S.

BORDERS Announces its National Advisory Board

BORDERS has formed a National Advisory Board, a group whose expert knowledge in the fields of border security and immigration will greatly assist in the guidance of the Center of Excellence. BORDERS National Advisory Board members include: Neville Cramer, IE Solutions, LLC; Major General B. Donald Lynch, United States Marine Corps (Ret.); Doris Meissner, Migration Policy Institute; Major General Donald W. Shepperd, United States Air Force (Ret.); and Gary Shiffman, Georgetown University.
Questions/Comments

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