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SUBJECT: Electronic Fingerprint Capture and Submission in Support of Background Investigations

1. Reference memorandum, Under Secretary of Defense for Intelligence (USD(I)), 29 Jul 10, subject: DoD Transition to Electronic Fingerprint Capture and Submission in Support of Background Investigations.

2. Background. On 29 Jul 10, the USD(I) mandated electronic capture and submission of fingerprints for all background investigations. To facilitate this mandate, the Army G-2 purchased and distributed 240 electronic fingerprint devices to 17 organizations. Currently, 82% of Army fingerprint submissions comply with this mandate.

3. Applicability. This policy guidance applies to all Army Commands, Reserve Components, and the Army National Guard.

4. Guidance. 100% electronic capture and submission of fingerprints in support of all background investigations is required by 31 Dec 13. As an alternative to purchasing electronic fingerprint devices, organizations may seek support agreements with organizations that have electronic fingerprint capability. To identify these organizations contact the Personnel Security Investigation-Center of Excellence (PSI-CoE) fingerprint team at usarmy.APG.inscom.mbx.psip-fingerprints@mail.mil. Organizations that elect to purchase electronic fingerprint devices can obtain vendor quotes for approved equipment from the Army’s Computer Hardware, Enterprise Software and Solutions (CHESS) Program at https://chess.army.mil/Contract/ITES2H. After accessing CHESS, navigate to “Links and Tools” and then “ITES-2H Email Distribution” to request quotes. Direct requests for assistance to the CHESS Help Desk technicians at (888) 232-4405.
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5. Questions concerning this requirement or requests for additional assistance should be directed to the ODCS, G-2 points of contact are Ms. Olga Delgado at (703) 695-9610 or olga.n.delgado.civ@mail.mil and Ms. Stacey Jefferson at (703) 695-9278 or stacey.a.jefferson.ctr@mail.mil.

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SUBJECT: DoD Transition to Electronic Fingerprint Capture and Submission in Support of Background Investigations

DoD components shall transition to electronic capture and submission of fingerprint images in support of all background investigations by December 31, 2013. The use of automated electronic fingerprint devices will greatly speed capture, submission, and processing time while providing higher quality images.

This transition will support goals established by the Intelligence Reform and Terrorism Prevention Act of 2004 and the implementation of Homeland Security Presidential Directive-12. Detailed guidance is attached. My point of contact is Ms. Janice Condo at (703) 604-1140 or Janice.Condo@osd.mil.

Attachment:
As stated
**DoD Transition to Electronic Fingerprint Capture and Submission**

By December 31, 2013, DoD components shall transition to electronic capture and submission of a full set of fingerprints (10 individual rolled prints, 2 thumbprints, and 2 four-finger sets of prints, compliant with current Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) standards) in support of all background investigations. Components are responsible for procuring, distributing, and maintaining electronic 10-print fingerprint capture devices, associated capture/format/submission software, and other equipment as required to comply with this policy. Components are encouraged to coordinate with the DoD Biometrics Identity Management Agency (BIMA).

As the Executive Manager for DoD Biometrics, BIMA will have the following available to assist DoD components:


BIMA maintains an approved products list for biometric-enabled technologies, which is available by contacting the BIMA Help Desk at (304) 326-3023 or hd@biometrics.dod.mil.

**Enterprise Contract Vehicle:** DoD organizations procuring BIMA-approved electronic 10-print fingerprint capture devices are strongly encouraged to contact the Army's Computer Hardware, Enterprise Software and Solutions (CHESS) Program about leveraging the Army Desktop and Mobile Computing 2 vehicle. Army CHESS Program representatives can be reached at (888) 232-4405 or at [https://chess.army.mil](https://chess.army.mil).