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Dr. Edwin Rood is the Director of The Biometric Knowledge Center at West Virginia University, which has the mission to foster and develop interdisciplinary research in the convergence of disciplines defining biometrics. The *BKnC* facilitates the migration of research products into economic development through the early identification of anticipated results that may be useful in applications. The State of West Virginia maintains an extensive biometric industry and associated enterprise, and the *BKnC* is structured to support that industry in the context of national needs. In pursuit of this goal, the *BKnC* works with the related Center for Identification Technology Research (CITeR), an NSF Industry/University Cooperative Research Center supported by industry to pursue research interests. Both the *BKnC* and CITeR are organizational components under the Office of the Vice President for Research and Economic Development.

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