Abstract: The Department of Defense (DoD) has a growing need to control access to its many assets in both times of war and peace. Similarly, DoD organizations must always be ready to identify “friend or foe.” This requirement is heightened in the Global War on Terrorism, where the enemy has demonstrated its willingness to exploit flaws in current identity management systems. The Biometrics Management Office (BMO) and Biometrics Fusion Center (BFC) are leading efforts to encourage the use of biometric technologies throughout the Department of Defense. This session will outline the roadmap of objectives and goals for DoD Biometrics for the upcoming year and how they are coordinating efforts to meet them in support of the Global War on Terrorism.

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