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REDESIGNATION OF THE BIOMETRICS TASK FORCE AS THE BIOMETRICS IDENTITY MANAGEMENT AGENCY

1. The Biometrics Task Force is redesignated as the Biometrics Identity Management Agency. The Director of the Biometrics Identity Management Agency reports to Headquarters, Department of the Army, Deputy Chief of Staff, G–3/5/7.

2. In DOD Directive 8521.01E (Department of Defense Biometrics), the Secretary of Defense designated the Secretary of the Army as the Department of Defense Executive Agent for Department of Defense Biometrics. As the Executive Agent, the Secretary of the Army designated the Director, Biometrics Task Force as the Executive Manager for Department of Defense Biometrics, whose responsibilities are described in Secretary of the Army Memorandum: Designation of the Executive Manager for the Department of Defense Biometrics, dated 22 April 2008.

3. The Biometrics Identity Management Agency shall have fund certification authority while remaining in the Deputy Chief of Staff, G–3/5/7 and OA–22 organizational structure, along with manpower management authority to establish and acquire resources needed to fulfill Executive Manager responsibilities.

4. The Biometrics Identity Management Agency leads Department of Defense activities to prioritize, integrate, and synchronize biometrics technologies and capabilities and to manage the Department of Defense's authoritative biometrics database to support the National Security Strategy. Through the assigned functions and responsibilities of the Biometrics Identity Management Agency, the Department of Defense achieves a biometrics program that is fully integrated Departmentwide and synchronized across the Services and combatant commands.

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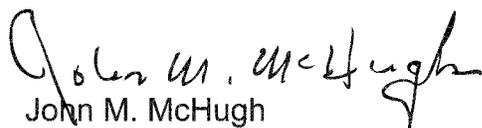
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