



Day One of the US-VISIT Program

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SPEAKERS BIOGRAPHY

JAMES A. WILLIAMS is Director of the United States Visitor and Immigrant Status Indicator Technology (US-VISIT) program in the Department of Homeland Security (DHS). Prior to his May 2003 appointment, Mr. Williams served in several executive leadership positions at the Internal Revenue Service. In January 2001 he was asked by the Commissioner of the IRS to become Deputy Associate Commissioner for Program Management in the Business Systems Modernization Office (BSMO). In that position, Mr. Williams was responsible for ensuring the successful program delivery of modernized business systems for the IRS. Additionally, in 1993 Mr. Williams served on the four-person Procurement Team as part of the overall Support Services Team of Vice President Gore's National Performance Review (NPR) on Reinventing Government. From 1989 to 1999, he represented the General Services Administration (GSA) to the Office of the U.S. Trade Representative as the government's computer procurement expert. Before joining the IRS as Deputy Assistant Commissioner (Procurement) in 1991, Mr. Williams was director of a telecommunications procurement division at GSA. Prior to that, he worked in several information processing procurement positions at the Department of Commerce and GSA.

In 1994 and 2000, Mr. Williams was named by *Federal Computer Week* as one of its "Federal 100" winners, and in 1996 he received the Presidential Rank Award - Meritorious Executive. In 1997, 1999, and 2002, he was presented with the Commissioner's Award, the highest honor bestowed by the Internal Revenue Service.

ROBERT A. MOCNY is Deputy Director of the United States Visitor and Immigrant Status Indicator Technology (US-VISIT) office within the Border and Transportation Security Directorate, DHS. He started his career in 1989 with the Immigration and Naturalization (INS) as an Immigration Inspector at the port of entry in San Francisco, California, where he developed a series of automated management programs, later adopted by the INS for nation-wide use. Mr. Mocny traveled throughout Europe and the Former Soviet Union as a Special Operations Inspector providing training to in the detection of fraudulent documents. After moving to the INS Headquarters in Washington, D.C. Mr. Mocny established the Secure Electronic Network for Travelers' Rapid Inspection (SENTRI) program, the world's first electronic border control program that expedites the entry of low-risk border crossers on the southern border. In 1998 Mr. Mocny served as Special Assistant to the Deputy

Commissioner of the INS until May 2001 when he was selected to be the Deputy Assistant Commissioner, Office of Inspections.

RICHARD WEBSTER (Rick) is the Director of Government Affairs for the Travel Industry Association of America (TIA). He joined TIA in 1993 and directed a three-year program known as the Campaign to Keep Travel Competitive, an industry campaign to battle against increasing taxes on travel. He has 18 years of experience lobbying local, state and federal governments, and currently serves as TIA's chief lobbyist on Capitol Hill. At the federal level, he has worked mainly on transportation, tax and travel facilitation issues. Prior to joining TIA he spent 5 years working for a coalition of advertising trade associations on state tax policy.

MODERATOR

DORIS MEISSNER, former Commissioner of the U.S. Immigration and Naturalization Service (INS), is a Senior Fellow at the Migration Policy Institute. She contributes to MPI's project on national security and immigration and conducts policy research on international migration and development, and immigration policymaking in an era of globalization.

Ms. Meissner served as INS Commissioner from October 1993 to November 2000. In 1989, Ms. Meissner founded the Carnegie Endowment's International Migration Policy Program, which evolved into the Migration Policy Institute in 2001. After leaving government in 2000, she returned to the Carnegie Endowment as a Senior Associate in the Global Policy Program.