

Air Entry/Exit Re-engineering (AEER)

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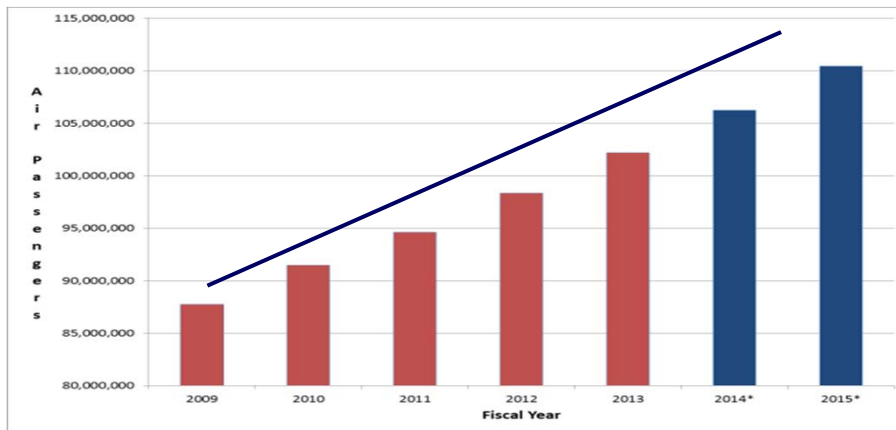


Drivers for Entry / Exit Transformation

Issues

- Increased traveler volume and wait times
- Incomplete information on traveler departures
- Legislative mandate for biometric exit not met
- Air threat remains a priority

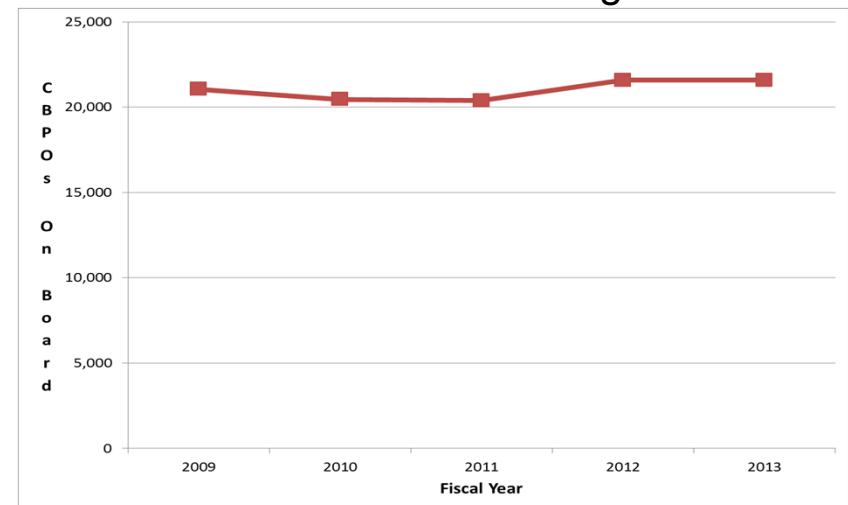
Air Passengers



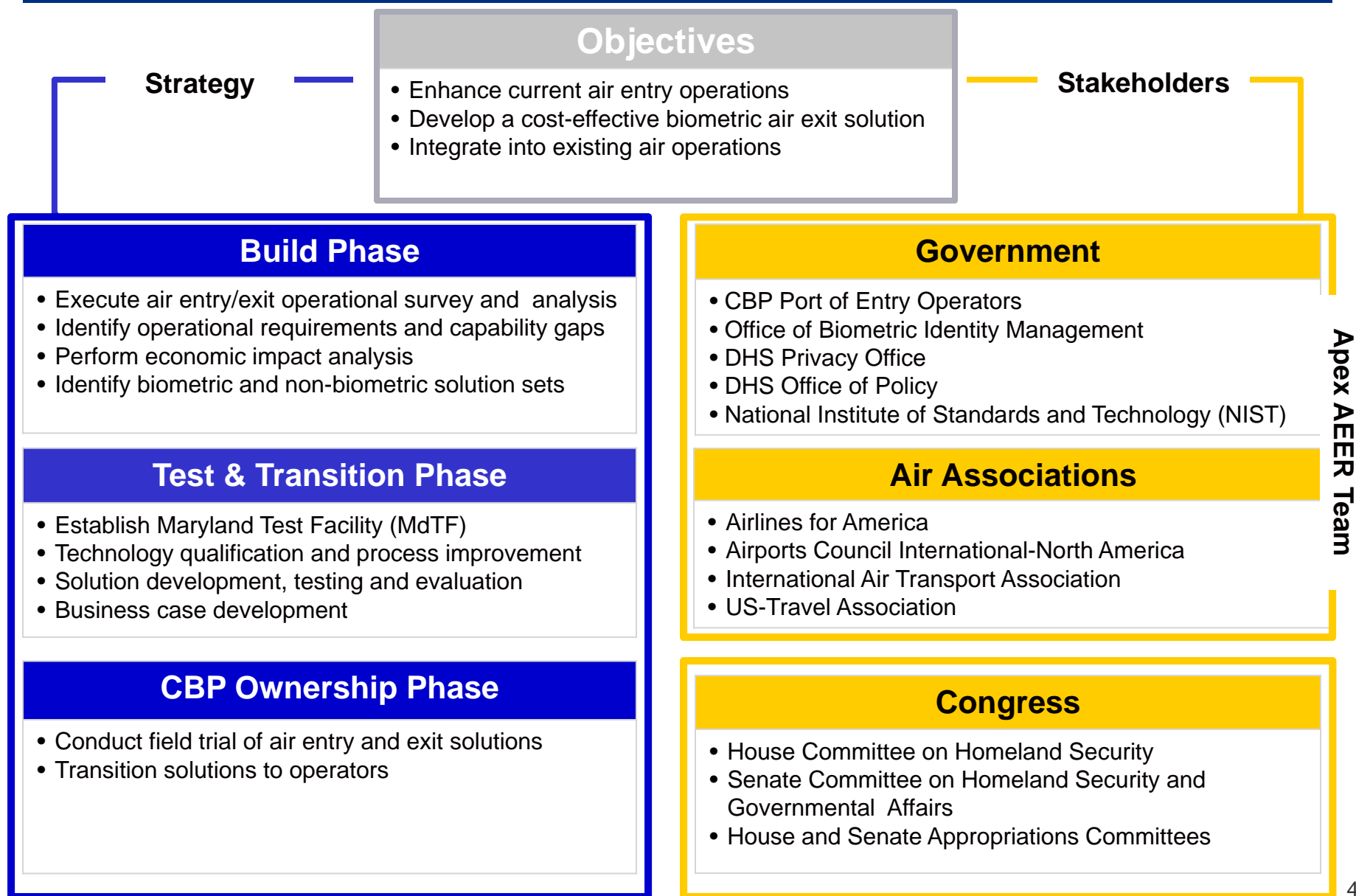
- Total air passenger volume is up over 21% compared to FY 09.
- Air travel expected to grow 4% - 5% annually for the next several years.

Although current legislation focuses on biometric exit, improvements must be made to the end-to-end process, from entry to exit, in order to be most effective.

CBP Officer Staffing



Apex AEER Framework



Apex AEER Challenges and Risks

- Need to consider solutions that “Do No Harm” to current throughput and airline boarding times, and minimize airport infrastructure requirements
- Need to ensure compliance with current DHS Privacy Regulations
- Generalized recommendations based on airports surveyed
- Significant collaboration with various air travel industry stakeholders, but limited engagement with some stakeholders
- Potential changes in legislative requirements could significantly impact project scope and schedule
- Need to ensure compliance with established processes and schedules for DHS acquisitions (i.e. cannot accelerate by sole sourcing)





Integrated Path Forward

Activities:

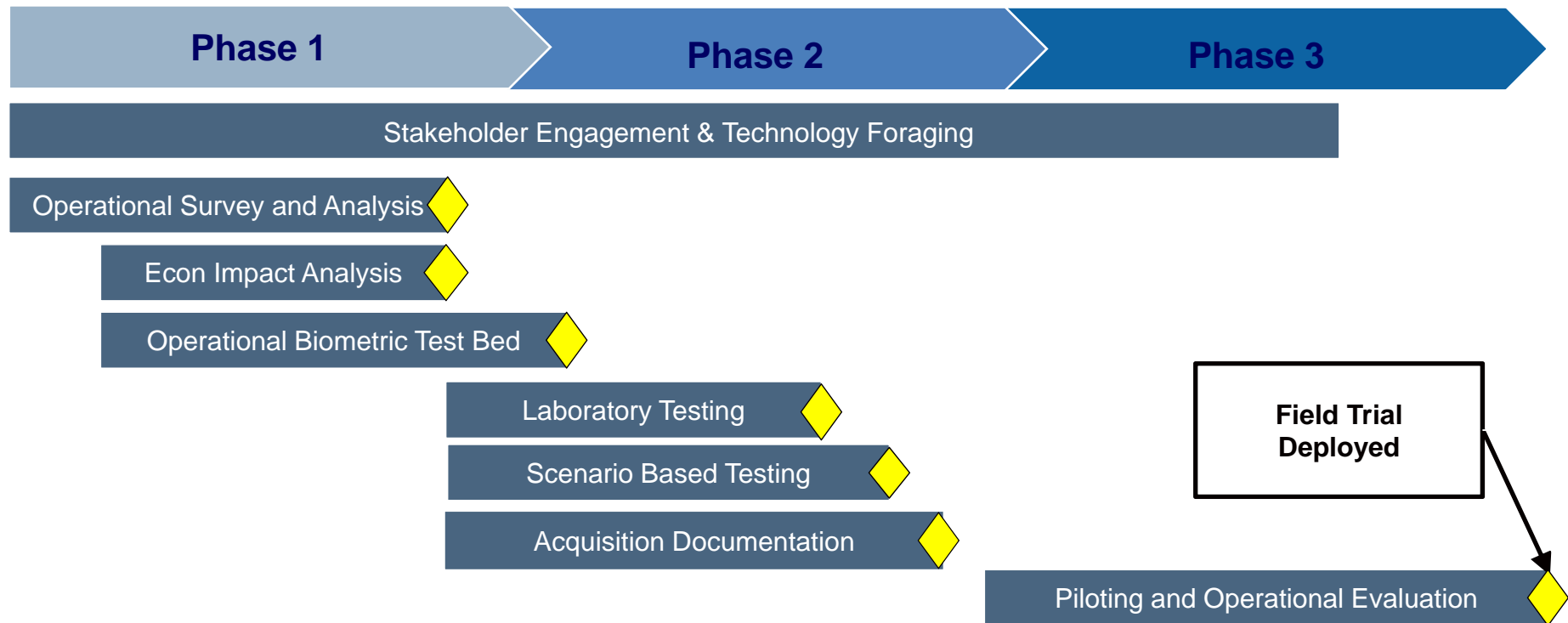
- Continue to engage with airports, and international partners (e.g. UK, Netherlands, etc.) to identify best practices and lessons learned from implemented systems and gather passenger facilitation data
- Collaborate with industry stakeholders to refine biometric air exit CONOPs

Activities:

- Validate biometric air entry/exit CONOPs and technologies with scenario based testing
- Complete airport entry/exit analytical tools and document for transition to CBP
- Conduct performance and cost/benefit analysis of biographic and biometric exit
- Select biometric technology candidates for field evaluation

Activities:

- Conduct field evaluation of air entry and exit technology solutions at selected airport(s)



Apex AEER Accomplishments

Operational Analysis

- Completed Airport Operational Surveys visits (JFK, LAX, ORD/MDW, MIA, SFO, LAS, ATL) and documented findings in As-Is Operational Survey Report
- Developed a repeatable survey methodology with tools and applied it to airport environment
- Mapped existing Entry Processes
- Assessed Biometric Exit Options
- Drafted entry and exit capability gap assessment, including targeted areas for potential solutions



Economic Analysis

- Identified financial implications of current capability gaps for air entry
- Performed literature review of past U.S. entry/exit efforts
- Researched cost information pertaining to potential entry and exit solutions





Apex AEER Accomplishments

Biometric Technology Market Survey

- Canvassed commercially viable biometric devices
- Completed initial device capabilities and maturity report



Testing

- Established NIST Oversight role
- Conducted tech foraging and testing in collaboration with NIST
- Developed Iris Device Qualification Test (IDQT) in conjunction with NIST. IDQT is designed to measure peak imaging performance, and removes the “human factor” in laboratory qualification and testing
- Developed an Omnibus Test and Evaluation Plan
- Prepared draft Human Subject Test Protocol for IRB submission

Technology and Test Capability

- Site selected in Upper Marlboro, MD
- Completed Test Bed architectural drawings; submitted drawings to PG County Permit Office for approval



Apex AEER Accomplishments

Stakeholder Engagement

- Serve as Vice-chair of International Air Transport Association (IATA) Passenger Experience - Biometrics Multidisciplinary Group
- Engaged air industry stakeholders to discuss project goals, gather operational requirements, and address potential concerns
- Conducted air entry/exit webinar with Airports Council International-North America (ACI-NA) to discuss notional CONOPs
- Completed January 2014 ACI-NA, Airlines for America and U.S. Travel Association working session to further discuss pros and cons of notional CONOPs



Test & Evaluation Strategy

Test & Evaluation

Laboratory Tests

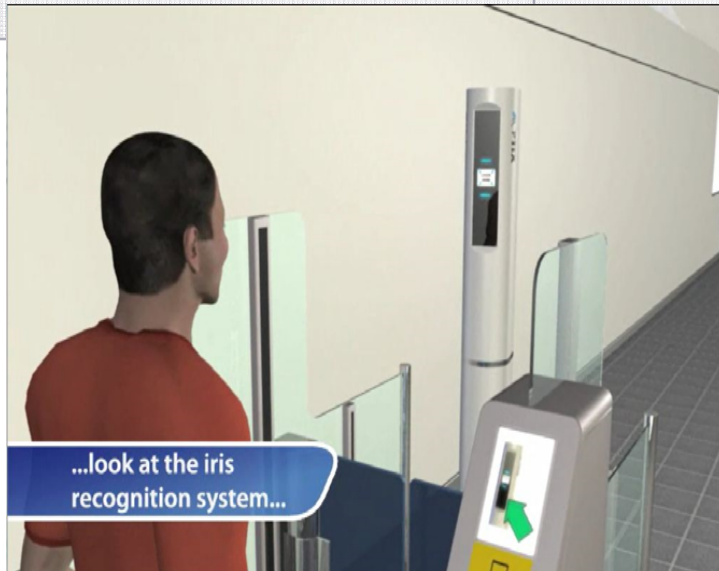
- Ensure biometric devices can perform with current air entry/exit operations
- Determine biometric-device applicability for each CONOP

Scenario-based Tests

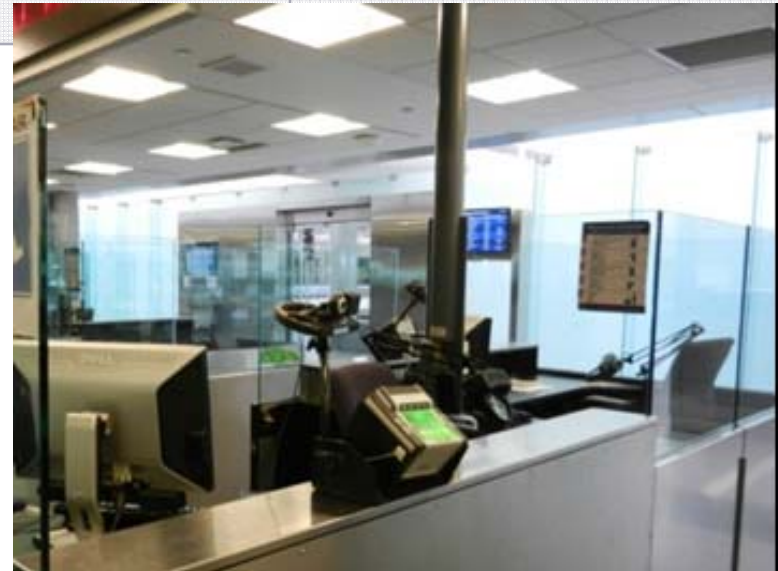
- Assess CONOPS performance
- Assess human-to-system issues in air entry/exit processes
- Model potential impacts to operational processes

Field Trials

- Evaluate systems performance
- Identify and mitigate observed impacts to operational processes



Iris Capture Process



Fingerprint Capture within the FIS



Draft Evaluation Criteria

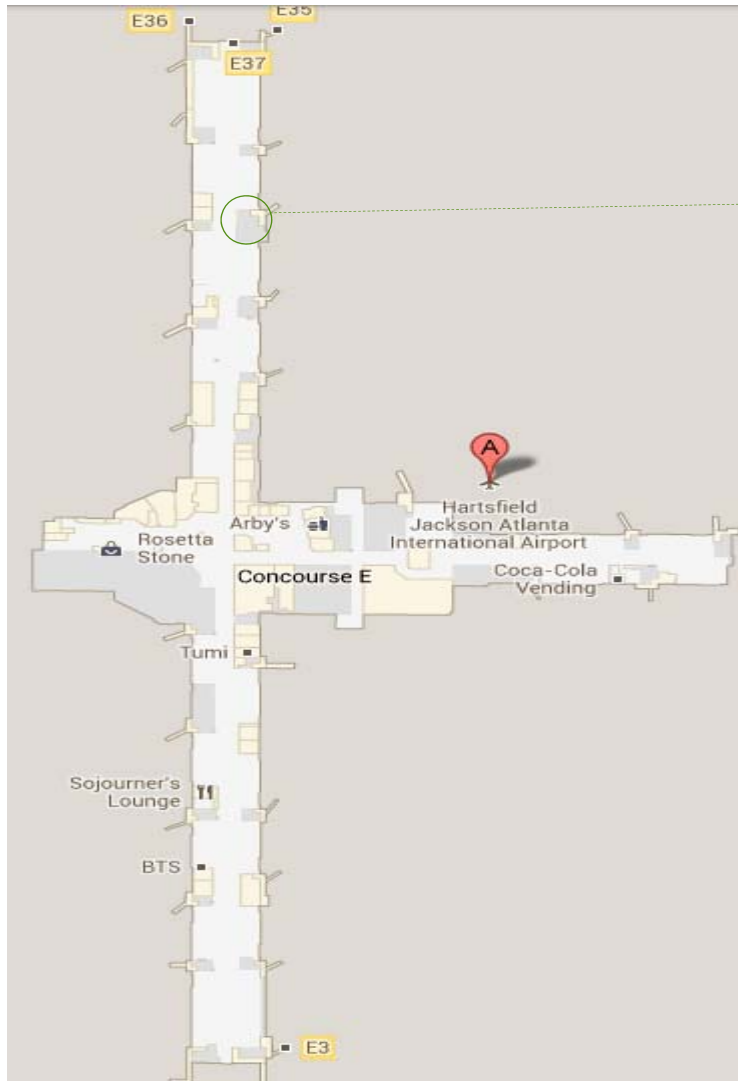
Laboratory Tests	Scenario-Based Tests	Field Trials
SDK/API Integration	CONOPS Integration	Systems Integration
Data Standards Conformance	Transaction Time/Throughput	Biographic/Biometric Matching Performance
Biometric Data Quality	Usability	Aircraft Turn Time
Third Party Certification/ Test Review	Biometric Performance	Airport Connection Time
Capture Conditions Assessment	Exception Handling	Gate Utilization
Biometric Capture Assessment (FTA, FTP, acquisition time)	Network Bandwidth and Latency	Operations Impact Assessment
Interoperability/ Intraoperability	Footprint and Weight	Traveler Experience and Satisfaction
	Staffing Levels	

Iris Device Qualification Test (IDQT)

- Developed by DHS S&T Directorate and NIST
- Provide evaluation and qualification tests of iris cameras, to support down selection decisions of devices prior to human-in-the-loop testing for US Government applications.
- Develop “Appendix F-like” iris device qualification testing tools and procedures which:
 - Minimize biases between devices
 - Minimize modification to intended device operation on real human subjects
 - Measure “peak” imaging performance... degradation from realistic operations should be revealed in subsequent evaluation stages
 - Should be simple enough to be practically conducted by a third party testing facility

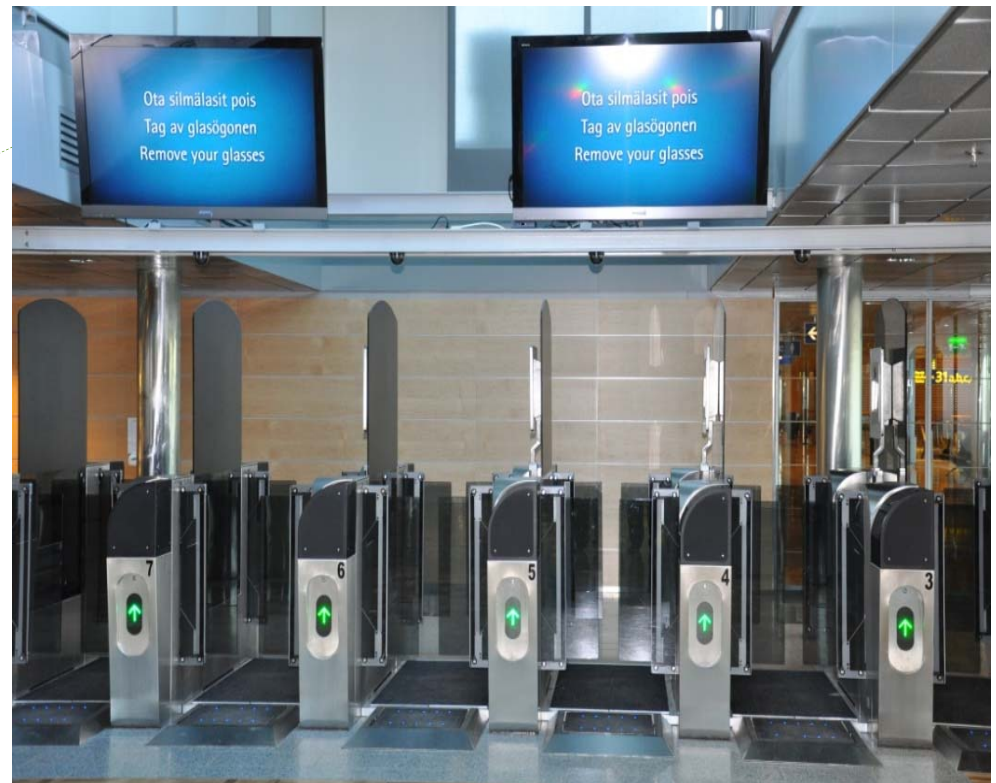
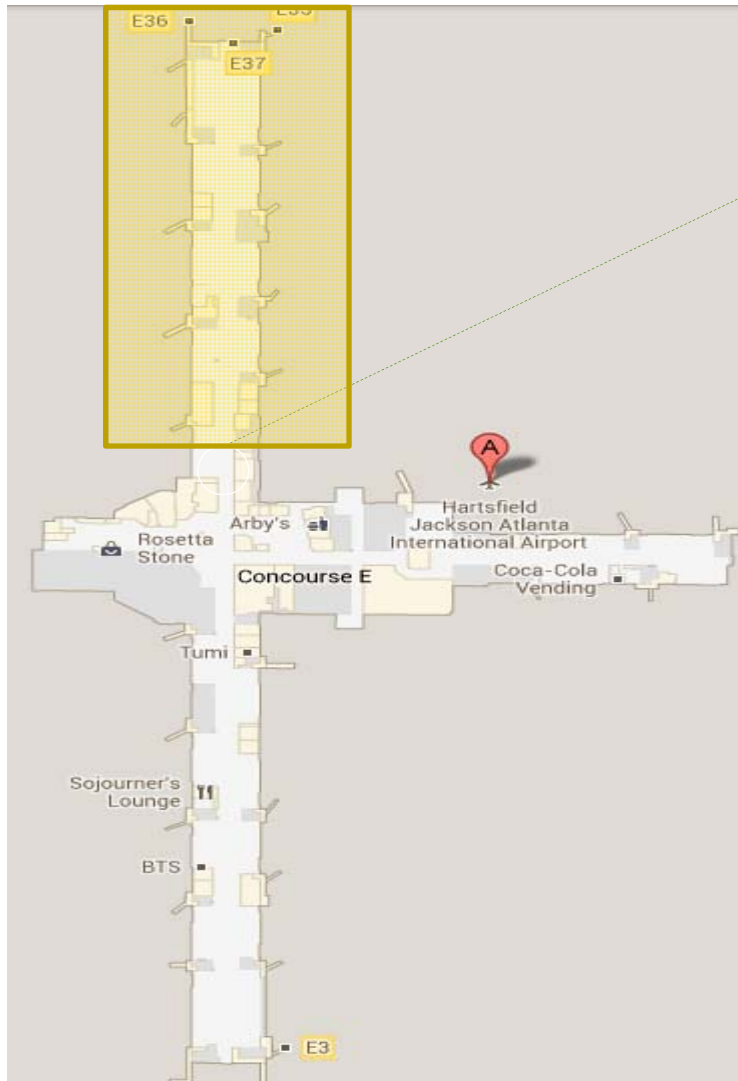


Notional Biometrics Self-Boarding Gate





Notional Centralized Capture (ABC)



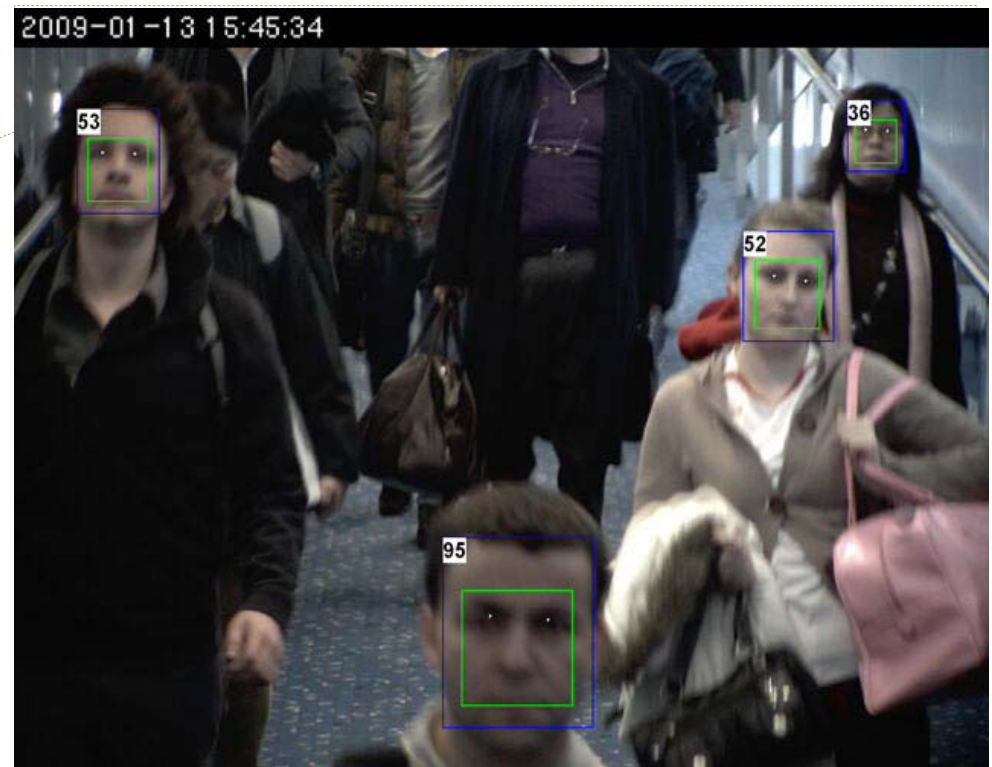


Notional Irregular/Mobile Operations





Notional Passenger Loading Bridge





Test & Evaluation Capability

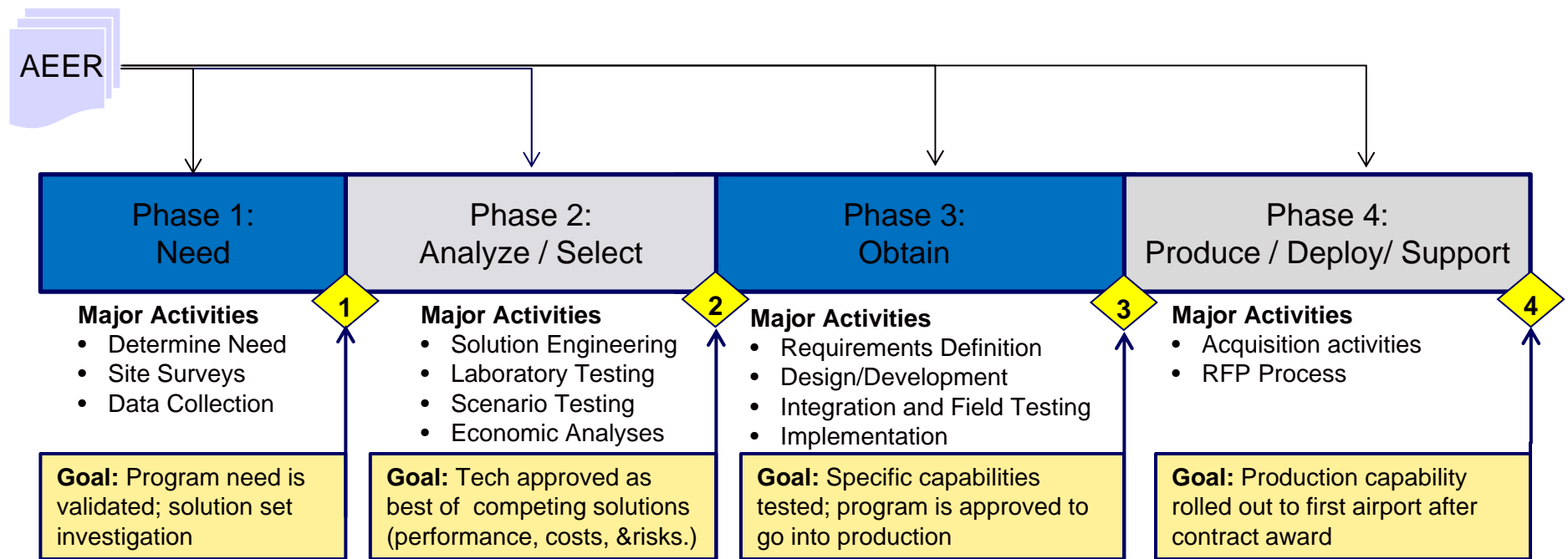
Maryland Test Facility (MdTF) - Controlled environment for laboratory and scenario-based testing to evaluate biometric technologies and other operational processes under simulated airport entry and exit conditions

- Over 25,000 sq. ft. of office and laboratory space
- Designed to support 3 tests and 50 test subjects concurrently



DHS Level I Acquisition Process

- Deliberate acquisition process reduces risk and increases oversight
- Apex AEER *outputs inform each phase* of a future CBP acquisition process and, as a result, provide the component with a “jump start” that could compress elements of the schedule





Questions?