

## **Best Practice: Biometrics Card Used By Workers To Access Facility**



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**Description:** The port uses biometric readers at personnel access gates to monitor the 25,000 people associated with the port.

**Discussion:** The port found that the smart cards they had been using were routinely reported lost or stolen so the port installed biometric readers at all pedestrian gates. Employees must key in their employee ID number then place their hand on a scanner that reads their handprint.

**Potential Down-side:** The implementation cost may be prohibitive.

**Conclusion:** The use of biometrics greatly enhances accurate personnel identification and makes circumventing the system an extremely difficult task.

**Cost:** The initial cost of purchasing the equipment may be cost prohibitive for many port facilities.