

Best Practice: National Information Database



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Description: A national database used to screen personnel for port access control

Discussion: All persons that wish to enter the port area undergo a security check performed at the Port Gate. The national database used to conduct the security check contains information generated by the National Police, Immigrations, and Customs authorities.

Potential Down-side: The information in the database is only as good as what was entered or known by the agency entering it, for example, Immigration authorities may enter information that an individual holds a valid visa to be in the country, but does not show arrest warrants that are unknown to them.

Conclusion: While the system contains potential down-sides, it is the most efficient way to perform a background check for access to the port.

Cost: The initial cost of purchasing the equipment to perform this Best Practice is high. Cost savings would be realized after consolidating and maintaining one information system rather than multiple systems.