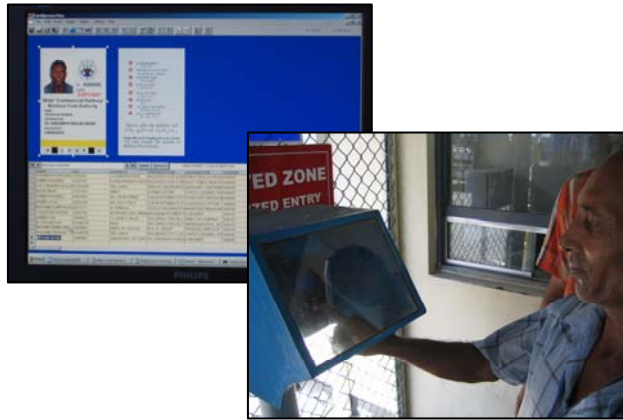


## **Best Practice: Biometrics/Identification Card**



<b>Category:</b>	Access Control
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**Description:** Biometric reader/Identification card system.

**Discussion:** The Port of Male' has installed biometric fingerprint readers that are used in conjunction with a tamperproof identification card. The fingerprint is linked to a computer database that includes employee information, photo and a copy of their identification card.

**Potential Down-side:** The potential cost of this type of system may make it difficult for some port facilities to purchase. Depending upon the number of employees, the time and money required to enter the data for each individual may be problematic.

**Conclusion:** Although this type of system is a good technological solution to personnel access control, it may not be necessary in all port facilities. Each port facility would have to be evaluated to determine if this type of biometric system is appropriate for their unique situation.

**Cost:** The initial cost of purchasing the equipment may make it cost prohibitive for some facilities.