



**FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**

**CONTACT: Gabrielle Gellinas  
(202) 626-5736 or ggellinas@itic.org**

## **INCITS Announces New Biometrics Standards**

**Washington, DC – December 12, 2005** – The InterNational Committee for Information Technology Standards (INCITS) today announced the approval of a new three-part biometrics standard as an American National Standard. The INCITS 409 series of standards was developed by the INCITS Biometrics Technical Committee (INCITS M1) and addresses biometric performance testing and reporting.

The INCITS 409 standards develop a common set of methodologies and procedures to be followed for conducting technical performance testing and evaluations. Guidelines are included in the standard that address required test sizes, performance statistics, error reporting, and presentation of performance results. These procedures can be incorporated in an "end-to-end" system approach or from an individual technical component perspective.

This multi-part standard was prepared by the INCITS Biometrics Technical Committee's "Performance Testing and Reporting" Task Group (INCITS M1.5) which is chaired by John Neumann of the U.S. Department of Homeland Security. The work of the task group includes the standardization of biometric performance metric definitions and calculations, approaches to test performance and requirements for reporting the results of these tests. Neumann said of the approval, "INCITS continues to lead the way in developing biometrics standards, and the approval of the first three parts of the INCITS 409 standard is an important milestone. It is anticipated that this standard will eventually be required for performance testing of all biometric devices for access control to be procured for use in airports throughout the U.S."

The INCITS 409 series of standards (Biometric Performance Testing and Reporting) consists of the following parts:

Part 1:	Principles and Framework	(INCITS 409.1-2005)
Part 2:	Technology Testing and Reporting	(INCITS 409.2-2005)
Part 3:	Scenario Testing and Reporting	(INCITS 409.3-2005)

The three parts of the INCITS 409 series are available for individual purchase via the eStandards Store at [www.ansi.org](http://www.ansi.org) or by visiting the INCITS website at [www.incits.org](http://www.incits.org).

For more information on participating in the development work of INCITS Technical Committees, please contact Lynn Barra ([LBarra@itic.org](mailto:LBarra@itic.org)) at 202.626.5739. Information on the INCITS program of work and technical committees is also available on [www.incits.org](http://www.incits.org).

## About INCITS

The mission of the InterNational Committee for Information Technology Standards (INCITS) is to promote the effective use of Information and Communication Technology through standardization in a way that balances the interests of all stakeholders and increases the global competitiveness of the member organizations. INCITS serves as the U.S. Technical Advisory Group for ISO/IEC Joint Technical Committee 1, which is responsible for international standardization in the field of information technology.

INCITS and the Information Technology Industry Council (ITI) are jointly accredited by, and operate under rules approved by, the American National Standards Institute (ANSI). These rules are designed to ensure that voluntary standards are developed by the consensus of directly and materially affected interests. For further information, please contact INCITS, 1250 Eye St. NW, Suite 200, Washington, DC 20005 ([www.incits.org](http://www.incits.org)).

###



©2005 Information Technology Industry Council