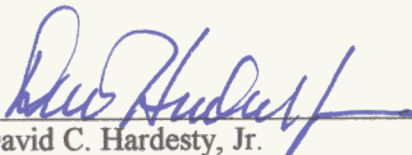


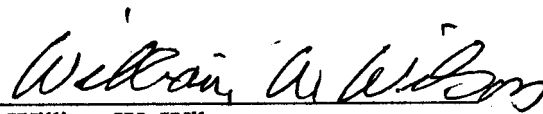
## LETTER OF INTENT

West Virginia University (WVU) and The Biometric Foundation (TBF) are leaders in the field of biometrics and are making major efforts to advance biometric technologies as an effective means to insure personal identification, authentication and verification, to secure personal privacy and deter identity theft. Because the credentials and capabilities of the two institutions are complementary, we agree to jointly seek funding in order to collaborate in a systematic program of research, testing, and education that accommodates all biometric technologies in a technology-neutral manner. A key purpose of the program is to develop formal educational curricula that encourage students to enter the field of biometrics as a professional career choice. A second key purpose of the program is to identify real and perceived technical, societal and legal impediments to the widespread adoption of biometrics. We therefore agree to seek funds to do the following:

- To test, demonstrate and evaluate alternative biometric technologies
- To inquire into biometric standards issues
- To develop certificate and degree programs at the undergraduate and graduate level in biometric studies
- To conduct studies of public attitudes toward uses of biometrics
- To conduct educational conferences and seminars about the most effective uses of biometrics in key applications
- To conduct studies of biometrics as an emerging industry



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