



### BACKGROUND

Beginning in July 2015, U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) will implement the Biometric Exit Mobile (BE-Mobile) project at 10 U.S. international airports. BE-Mobile will begin at Hartsfield-Jackson Atlanta International Airport and expand to the following locations this fall: Chicago; Dallas; Houston; Los Angeles; Miami; Newark; New York; San Francisco; and Washington-Dulles. The project will run through June 2016.

### DESCRIPTION

The BE-Mobile project will test the feasibility of using an enhanced handheld mobile device to collect biometric exit data (fingerprints) from foreign national air travelers and to conduct law enforcement queries that will be used during inspections of foreign national travelers departing the United States. In this effort, CBP will collect biometrics on a statistically valid sample of travelers and compare their biometrics to the biometrics collected when the traveler entered

the United States. Only non-U.S. citizens will be included in the testing.

#### Operational goals:

- Enhance existing outbound mobile enforcement teams; and
- Biometrically verify the departure of foreign national travelers leaving the United States.

### BENEFITS

Implementing this biometric technology has the potential to:

- Provide a real-time, biometric tool for law enforcement teams on outbound inspection; and
- Ensure the departure of a foreign national traveler from the United States through biometric verification.

CBP will analyze the information collected and use the results to help determine the future plans for biometric exit, which is a current CBP legislative mandate. ■