IT Program Assessment
CBP – Block 1

The Department Homeland Security (DHS) Office of the Chief Information Officer (CIO) conducted a program health review of the Customs and Border Protection (CBP) SBInet Block 1 Sustainment program. This assessment represents the program's status as of March 2012.

Description and Background:

The CBP SBInet Block 1 Sustainment program seeks to provide situational awareness and persistent surveillance across the Tucson and Ajo Sectors. Block 1 technology supports CBP agents and officers to effectively detect, identify, classify, and resolve illegal incursions at the border. Block 1 includes a deployment of towers with a suite of integrated day and night cameras, radars, unattended ground sensors, and a communications package. Block 1 also includes an initial version of a common operating picture, which is the system that integrates the sensors and displays the results at a command center.

As a result of program scheduling delays and increases in cost, the DHS Investment Review Board (IRB) terminated future deployments of the Block 1 capabilities. The deployments at the Tucson and Ajo stations would be sustained for six years, which include technology refreshes to support current capabilities for the entire period.

Assessment:

Future deployment of the Block 1 capability has been terminated, therefore, the Block 1 program transitions from development/deployment to operations and maintenance. The program has established a routine operations support, corrective operations support, preventative maintenance, and corrective maintenance plans for the current Block 1 capability. The focus of the CBP Block 1 program is the sustainment of the capability deployed to the Tucson and Ajo sectors as part of the SBInet program before it was cancelled. The program maintains detailed project management plans and uses them to actively manage the sustainment effort of this investment. The program continues to maintain its schedule to ensure timely technology refresh and upgrades. Therefore, at this time, the CIO assesses the CBP Block 1 program as **Moderately Low Risk.**

Score: <u>4</u>