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Biometric Research
West Virginia University

The West Virginia University Biometric Research Program is a multidisciplinary group working across many disciplines on a wide range of biometric research issues based on the school’s strengths and interests. The group’s research will focus on the creation of biometric identification systems. The goal of this program is to develop new biometric technologies and systems.

- **Biometric Imaging Program**
  - The primary objective of this program is to develop new biometric technologies and systems.

- **Biometric Knowledge Center (BKnC)**
  - To foster and facilitate biometrics research, working with industry and academia to provide advanced biometrics research solutions.

Marshall University

- **Biometric Research**
  - The goal of this initiative is to build and facilitate biometric research, working with state and local law enforcement to develop and improve biometric technologies.

- **Office of Technology Transfer**
  - To provide a strategic framework to evaluate technology and intellectual property, the office also helps companies access the University’s extensive technology resources.

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Lockheed Martin Corporation

- **Technologies Center (CITeR)**
  - A technology center that provides commercialization services.

- **Lockheed Martin Information Assurance and Biometrics**
  - A division of the company that focuses on biometric and identity management technologies.

- **INNOVA Commercialization Group**
  - A subsidiary of NBSP that provides advanced biometric research solutions.

Northrop Grumman Corporation

- **BEACON**
  - A facility that provides high-quality, cost-effective technology centers.

- **Biometric Services International LLC**
  - A company that provides a comprehensive assistance package.

- **List performance tests by Biometric Services International LLC**
  - A test that evaluates the performance of biometric systems.

Government Agencies

- **FBI Criminal Justice Information Services Division (CJIS)**
  - Responsible for the largest biometric database in the world, the Integrated Automated Fingerprint Identification System.

- **Department of Defense Biometrics Fusion Center (DFBC)**
  - A center that provides comprehensive assistance package.

- **Northrop Grumman Corporation**
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  - Companies and agencies in West Virginia have advantages over the U.S. and international competitors in the biometrics business, including a large number of potential customers and better access to federal funding opportunities.

- **Multimodal Biometric Center of Excellence**
  - The Multimodal Biometric Center of Excellence is dedicated to providing the highest quality, efficient services and a full spectrum of biometric services to all customers.

- **Biometric Center for Forensic Science (BCFS)**
  - The BCFS provides a unique service to the nation and the world, offering a new and unique perspective on the use of biometric technology.

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Bioscrypt's VisonAccess 3D Face Reader during Qualified Product List performance tests by Biometric Services International LLC

WVBI's CODIS Laboratories receive bar-coded, anonymous samples and electronic DNA profiles, linking crimes to convicted offenders. Marshall University

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