

Application to Participate in the Multiple Biometric Evaluation (MBE) 2010 Portal Track

1. Who Should Participate

- 1.1. Face recognition technology researchers and developers from industry, research institutions, and academia are eligible to participate in the MBE 2010.
- 1.2. Anonymous participation is not permitted.

2. How to Participate

- 2.1. To request participation in MBE 2010 Portal Track, potential participants must read this application (*Application to Participate in MBE 2010 Portal Track*), sign the “Request to Participate” section below, attach business cards from each of the signing parties, and send it to the address below (Paragraph 5.8). Signatures of both the Responsible Party and the Point of Contact are required.
 - 2.1.1. The Responsible Party is an individual with the authority to commit the organization to the terms in this document.
 - 2.1.2. The Point of Contact (POC) is an individual with detailed knowledge of the technology applying for participation.
 - 2.1.3. In some cases, the Responsible Party and the POC may be the same person.
- 2.2. Upon receipt of the signed application by the National Institute of Standards and Technology (NIST), the organization will be classified as a “Tentative MBE 2010 Portal Track Participant.” NIST must receive confirmation that this signed application and the executable have been shipped by **April 12, 2010**. Please email the MBE 2010 Liaison to confirm that you have shipped a submission.
- 2.3. It is the Government’s desire to select all Tentative Participants as Participants. However, if demand for participation exceeds the Government’s ability to properly evaluate the technology, the Government will select Participants on a first come - first served basis.
- 2.4. The MBE 2010 Portal Track will evaluate four tasks:
 - 2.4.1. **Face.** This task will involve matching a face still image to high definition (HD) video sequences.
 - 2.4.2. **Face NIR.** This task will involve matching a face still image to near infrared (NIR) video sequences.
 - 2.4.3. **Iris.** This task will involve matching an iris still image to another iris still image, and an iris still image to NIR video sequences.

- 2.4.4. **Fusion.** This task will involve matching a face still image and an iris still image to near infrared (NIR) and high definition (HD) video sequences.
- 2.5. More information regarding the instructions, input and output formats, and requirements for each of the above tasks is included in the *MBE 2010 Portal Track: Guideline for Participants*. This document was distributed on **February 16, 2010** to organizations who signed up to receive MBE 2010 information. Please see <http://face.nist.gov/mbe> for more information. An updated version of this document was distributed on **29 March 2010**.
- 2.6. Each organization approved to participate and accepted as a “Tentative Participant” will be asked to sign-up for the tasks they intend to submit executables for. More information on the task sign-up process will be given after receipt of this application.
- 2.7. Each participant must deliver a separate executable for each task in which it chooses to participate. Executables submitted must be compliant with the MBE 2010 Portal Track Protocol and must be shipped to NIST (at the address in paragraph 5.8 below) no later than **April 12, 2010**. Be sure to follow the rules for submission outlined in the *MBE 2010 Portal Track: Guideline for Participants*. Regardless of how many executables are submitted, each organization should only submit one copy of this application.

3. Points of Contact

- 3.1. The [MBE 2010 Liaison](#) is the government point of contact.
- 3.2. All questions and correspondence should be directed to the [MBE 2010 Liaison](#) at mbe2010@nist.gov. Questions and correspondence will be received by the MBE 2010 Liaison and other MBE 2010 personnel.
- 3.3. The answers to questions and correspondence will be provided as updates to the *MBE 2010 Portal Track: Guideline for Participants* document.
- 3.4. Interested parties and Participants should not contact any individual member of the MBE 2010 staff.

4. Release of MBE 2010 Results

- 4.1. The Government will release MBE 2010 results as a set of Final Reports, which will identify the participants along with their results. The MBE 2010 Final Reports will contain, at a minimum, descriptive information concerning MBE 2010, descriptions of each experiment, and performance results.
- 4.2. Participants will be notified of the public release of the MBE 2010 Final Reports.
- 4.3. After the release of the MBE 2010 Final Reports, Participants may decide to use the results for their own purposes. Such results shall be accompanied by the following statement: “Results shown from the Multiple Biometric Evaluation 2010 do not constitute endorsement of any particular product by the U.S. Government.” Such

results shall also be accompanied by the Internet address (URL) of the MBE 2010 Final Reports on the MBE 2010 website.

5. Additional Information

- 5.1. This is an executable test. It will be carried out at a NIST facility.
- 5.2. Performance results will be publicly attributed to participants and their executables in the MBE 2010 reports.
- 5.3. Software that is not compliant with the MBE 2010 Protocol specifications cannot be tested.
- 5.4. In order to be tested, executables must install easily (i.e., one installation step with no participant interaction required), and shall be executable on any number of machines without requiring any machine-specific license control procedures or activation.
- 5.5. Participant agrees to hold harmless the MBE 2010 Sponsors, staff contractors and all agencies of the U.S. Government for any harm or damage incurred in the course of participating in the MBE 2010.
- 5.6. The Government is not bound or obligated to follow any recommendations that may be submitted by the Participant. The United States Government and individual agencies are prohibited from, in any way, giving any special consideration to MBE 2010 Participants or any other party on future procurements, contracts or collaborations.
- 5.7. By signing this application, Participants acknowledge that any test details and/or modifications that are provided in the *MBE 2010 Portal Track: Guideline for Participants 7 April 2010* version supersede the information on this application.
- 5.8. Original signed copies of the MBE 2010 Portal Track application are required. Original, signed copies of this application, with business cards from both signing parties attached, must be mailed to the address below. Please send an email message to mbe2010@nist.gov stating that you have sent your application. Upon receipt of your application, we will send you a confirmation email message.

Mailing Address:

Multiple Biometric Evaluation 2010 Liaison
National Institute of Standards and Technology
Information Access Division (894)
100 Bureau Drive, Stop 8940
Gaithersburg, MD 20899-8940

Request to Participate

With my signature, I hereby request consideration as a Participant in the Multiple Biometric Evaluation (MBE) 2010 Portal Track, and I am authorizing my company or organization to participate in the MBE 2010 Portal Track according to the rules and limitations listed in this document.

With my signature, I also state that I have the authority to accept the terms stated in this document.

SIGNATURE, TITLE AND ORGANIZATION OF RESPONSIBLE PARTY

DATE

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