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To: **Police Chiefs, Sheriffs, and Campus Law Enforcement Authorities in the Commonwealth of Virginia**

From: **Department of General Services (DGS), Division of Purchases and Supply (DPS)**

Subject: **DPS Directive: Approved Facial Recognition Algorithms**

1. Purpose: Pursuant to Section 15.2-1723.2 and 2.2-1112 of the Code of Virginia, as amended, the Department of General Services, Division of Purchases and Supply (DPS) has established this Standard for Facial Recognition Technology, approved for use by Law Enforcement Authorities of the Commonwealth of Virginia for uses authorized pursuant to Section 15.2-1723.2 and 23.1-815.1 of the Code of Virginia.

2. Pursuant to Section 2.2-1112 and 15.2-1723.2 of the Code of Virginia, the Division of Purchases and Supply shall not approve any facial recognition technology unless it has been evaluated by the National Institute of Standards and Technology (NIST) as part of the Face Recognition Vendor Test (FRVT). Any facial recognition technology utilized shall utilize algorithms that have demonstrated (i) an accuracy score of at least 98 percent true positives within one or more datasets relevant to the application in a NIST Face Recognition Vendor Test report and (ii) minimal performance variations across demographics associated with race, skin tone, ethnicity, or gender. DPS shall require all approved vendors to annually provide independent assessments and benchmarks offered by NIST to confirm continued compliance with this section. Information related to the NIST FRVT can be accessed via: https://www.nist.gov/programs-projects/face-recognition-vendor-test-frvt

3. Equitable outcomes using facial recognition technology are predicated on a combination of factors in addition to algorithmic accuracy including but not limited to, the skill level of trained examiners, and strict adherence to policy and sound investigative practices. Adopters of facial recognition technology should review all available information to identify the best algorithm available for their authorized use cases.

4. All algorithms approved by DPS have demonstrated an accuracy rating of at least 98 percent true positives across at least five datasets assessed within NIST's 1:1 verification evaluation, or at least 98 percent true positives within three of the datasets assessed within the 1:N (many) identification evaluation.

5. Any law enforcement authority of the Commonwealth of Virginia utilizing facial recognition technology shall confirm with the vendor that the specific algorithm they are utilizing is the same one that meets the accuracy thresholds, and ensure that they are able to comply with all mandatory reporting

required by Section 15.2-1723.2 and 23.1-815.1 of the Code of Virginia.

6. Algorithms offered by vendors that are prohibited from receiving a contract with the Commonwealth per the Virginia Information Technology Agency Policy SEC528.02, issued December 16, 2022 or as amended, shall not be approved for use. Any law enforcement authority of the Commonwealth of Virginia wishing to utilize an algorithm that is not expressly prohibited, but that does not appear on the current list of approved algorithms, should submit a request in writing to DPS to request an official review of the technology and its developer for consideration. All algorithms must meet the criteria explained in points 2 and 4, pertaining to accuracy and demographic performance variation to be considered.

Inclusion on the list of approved algorithms does not constitute an endorsement by the Department of General Services of any specific product, trade name, or vendor.

Approved Facial Recognition Algorithms

Based on 1:1 Verification Summary and/or 1:N Identification	
Developer	**Algorithm(s)**
AFIS and Biometrics Consulting	afisbiometrics-000
Clearview AI	clearviewai-001
	clearviewai-003
Gemalto Cogent	cogent-008
Corsight AI	corsight-003
Gorilla Technology	gorilla-009
Griaule	griaule-002
Idemia	idemia-010
	idemia-011
	idemia-012
Innovatrics	innovatrics-014
Neurotechnology | Fulcrum Biometrics	neurotechnology-019
Rank One Computing	roc-018
	roc-019

Paravision Ever AI	paravision-017
	paravision-018
	paravision-019
	paravision-020
Toshiba	toshiba_002
	Toshiba-012

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Subscribed and sworn before me on this __18th__ Day of __February__, 2026

My commission expires on __August 31, 2028__