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Mexico gets set for massive ID project

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[Cross Match Technologies](#) and Smartmatic have been selected by the Mexican Secretary of Government (SEGOB) to register citizens and capture biometric identity verification data.

In 2009, SEGOB announced its plans to update Mexico's National Population Registry and create a new national identification card, which will include fingerprint data, iris capture scans and facial images. The goal of this project is to provide citizens with a reliable means by which to verify their identities.

SEGOB recently acquired 2,000 PARkits, designed by Cross Match and Smartmatic, which it will use during the first phase of its national registry project

Cross Match and Smartmatic were chosen from a field of several biometric solution vendors that participated in a bidding process sponsored by Registro Nacional de Población e Identificación Personal, (RENAPO), a division of SEGOB.

Smartmatic is architecting the solution, which includes laptops, peripherals and core software, in addition to providing system integration, training and first-level support to end users. Cross Match is supplying fingerprint image capture and iris capture capability. Cross Match says the L SCAN Guardian ten-print capture systems that RENAPO selected are the same family of devices currently in use in the US as part of the US VISIT programme. "Guardian systems are deployed in US airports nationwide as part of the largest commercial deployment of biometric capture and enrolment stations in the country," says Bill Dumont, senior vice president, Sales and Marketing at Cross Match. I SCAN 2 dual iris capture scanner systems complete the PARkits offering.

According to Cross Match, the RENAPO project will be the largest Mexican citizen enrolment programme to date to include fingerprint capture, iris scan and facial images. "The goal is to enrol 110 million Mexican citizens and Cross Match is honoured to be part of such a high visibility program," says Dumont. Enrolment will begin in the first quarter of 2010 and will take approximately three years to complete.