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## Addendum #3

### Upgrade and Expansion of Facial Recognition System Bid

January 12, 2010

1. Please see and review the attached questions that were submitted in writing by BI Technologies, and the answers that we have provided.
2. Please remember to acknowledge all addenda on the line provided on the revised Bid Form.
2. All other specifications remain unchanged.



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**Re: Written Questions  
Invitation For Responses  
Upgrade and Expansion of Facial Recognition System for the  
Massachusetts Sheriffs' Association**

Dear Mr. Daly:

Thank you for hosting my colleagues during the Mandatory Site Visit on December 17, 2009.

As discussed at the meeting, and based on your instructions, we are respectfully requesting your formal answers to the following questions:

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  - b. what is the match rate; and,
  - c. what is the match speed?
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Sincerely,



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Cc: Peter Y. Flynn  
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