

## **CBP Acting Commissioner Kevin McAleenan to Present Opening Keynote at connect:ID**

**WASHINGTON D.C. / ACCESSWIRE / April 27, 2017** / The International Biometrics + Identity Association (IBIA), the preeminent trade organization for the identity technology industry, is proud to announce that Kevin McAleenan, the Acting Commissioner of U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP), is the opening keynote speaker at its Washington, DC *'connect:ID'* Conference and Exposition, May 1-3, 2017. The Commissioner will address, "CBP's commitment to innovation: Revolutionizing border security through technology," on Monday, May 1 at 12:55 PM.

Mr. McAleenan has been the Acting Commissioner of CBP since January 2017, and was nominated by President Trump to head the agency at the end of March. CBP is the largest law enforcement agency and the second largest revenue collecting source in the federal government. According to Tovah LaDier, IBIA Managing Director, "Acting Commissioner McAleenan's address on harnessing technology innovation to enhance border security will be of great interest to the technology leaders and others in the *'connect:ID'* audience."

Prior to his appointment as Acting Commissioner, Mr. McAleenan served as CBP's Deputy Commissioner, performing as the agency's Chief Operating Officer and senior career official. He has previously held a number of leadership positions within CBP and a predecessor agency, the U.S. Customs Service. Mr. McAleenan's service to the U.S. is exceptionally distinguished, as evidenced by his receiving the nation's highest civil service award, the Presidential Rank Award, in 2015. In 2005, he received the Service to America Call to Service Award for spearheading efforts to develop and implement a comprehensive border security antiterrorism strategy after the terrorist attacks of September 11, 2001.

*'connect:ID'* is the preeminent conference and expo where industry, government, and consumers join together to see the latest innovations and discuss the policy and technology issues that shape the concepts of identity. Produced by IBIA and Science Media Partners (SMP), *'connect:ID'* will be held at the Walter E Washington Convention Center in Washington, D.C. The conference runs May 1-3. Learn more at [www.connectidexpo.com](http://www.connectidexpo.com).

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