### INTERNATIONAL BIOMETRICS & IDENTIFICATION ASSOCIATION

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# Press Release

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#### **REP. BILIRAKIS, BIOMETRICS INDUSTRY LEADERS COME TOGETHER**

#### AT IBIA RECEPTION AT THE BCC CONFERENCE IN TAMPA

**Washington, DC, September 12, 2012** — The International Biometrics & Identification Association (IBIA) is pleased to announce that distinguished Florida Congressman, Gus Bilirakis, will be the featured speaker at its annual reception in Tampa on September 17, 2012, prior to the opening of the Biometric Consortium Conference. Congressman Bilirakis, a senior member of the House Committee on Homeland Security, will provide the group with a Congressional perspective on biometrics and the federal sector.

"The biometrics community represents a vital sector of our economy – one that helps keep us safe, enhances our quality of life and creates American jobs," said U.S. Congressman Gus Bilirakis (R-FL). "I would like to thank the IBIA, Cross Match Technologies and all the event sponsors for providing the opportunity to come together to share ideas and forge a common vision for the future. I look forward to continuing to work with our partners and Members of Congress to identify areas of opportunity, so that we can best utilize this innovative and important industry going forward."

"IBIA is delighted to host this reception for the global biometrics community to network as it gathers at the BCC to discuss the future of the biometrics industry and to meet Congressman Bilirakis, our distinguished speaker from Congress," said Bob Harbour, President and Chairman of IBIA, and Lumidigm's Executive Chairman. "Our members look forward to welcoming our guests from around the world and I would like to thank our members for making this reception possible – Cross Match Technologies, Lumidigm, Inc, Lockheed Martin Company, MorphoTrak, Bio-key International and Identity Counsel International."

"The role of biometrics in the global marketplace continues to expand rapidly," said David Buckley, President and CEO of Cross Match Technologies, the event's Identity Management Sponsor. "It is critical that the industry and our elected officials work together to foster a better understanding of the wide range of benefits biometrics can provide both here at home and around the globe."

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**ABOUT IBIA**. IBIA is a non-profit trade group that advocates and promotes the responsible use of technologies for managing human identity. It fulfills its mission through advocacy, education, and outreach. For more, please visit <u>www.ibia.org</u>.

## If you would like to attend the IBIA reception, please contact Tovah LaDier at tovah@cflaw.us.

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