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Possible Integration with Similar or Related Programs.

Programs are already underway at several Canadian government departments to utilize digitized imaging for identification documents. Immigration Canada has a pilot program underway to print visas with digitized black and white images; the Secretary of State (Citizenship) is now in the process of tendering for a system to produce identification cards with colour digitized images; and police departments across Canada are implementing identification systems utilizing digitized images. Within Canada, it is entirely conceivable that a need will exist to exchange images digitally with other organizations for identification purposes, or even to integrate federally controlled programs in some fashion.

Outside of Canada, immigration agencies are under the same pressures to control the inflow of illegal aliens that we see in Canada. A number of those countries are already implementing MRP and MRV systems - as enforcement policies are strengthened, Canada could well have to provide digital images or other types of check data on an individual demand basis as an identification service to its passport holders and international government partners.

All of the above scenarios are possible and credible, and imply very significant changes in the computerization of the PPO.