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From 2012 to 2016, Mr. Hutchinson was the Senior Director for U.S. federal government national security accounts at MorphoTrust USA. He led efforts that won a key account in the Intelligence Community and oversaw the launch of the company’s first enterprise multimodal biometric cloud based solution.

From 2010 to 2012, Mr. Hutchinson served as a Senior Biometric and Identity Intelligence Technology Consultant for the Pentagon’s Office of the Under Secretary of Defense for Intelligence. He co-led the North Atlantic Treaty Organization (NATO) technical team developing the “Standardization Agreement (STANAG) 4715 – NATO Biometrics Data, Interchange, Watch Listing, and Reporting Standard”.

From 2006–2010, Mr. Hutchinson served as a Biometric Standards Consultant for the US Army Biometrics Task Force. During his tenure there, he served as a subject matter expert for the US National (INCITS/M1) and the International (ISO/IEC JTC 1/SC 37) Standards Bodies on Biometrics. He also chaired the US Interagency Department of Defense Biometric Standards Working Group. From 2004–2006, he served as a member of the technology team that implemented the US Department of State Consular Affairs multimodal biometric visa and passport issuance systems at various consulates and embassies around the globe.

Mr. Hutchinson holds a BA in International Economics and French, an MA in French Language and Literature, and an MA in International Affairs from the University of Kentucky. He also holds a certificate in Executive Management from the Darden School of Business Administration, University of Virginia, and a Lean Six Sigma Green Belt. He serves on the Advisory Board of the International Center for Biometric Research at Purdue University, the Board of Directors for the Integrated Justice Information Systems Institute, the Board of Directors for the Identity Technology Association, and Chairs the Advances in Biometric Technology Working Group of the International Biometrics and Identity Association.