

## CASE STUDY: GOVERNMENT

# US Government Common Access Card

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## Background

**Enhancing Security & Efficiency for U.S. Government CAC Cards.** Common Access Cards (CAC) are secure identification cards used by U.S. government employees for access control, logical access, and authentication.

Following the 9/11 attacks, President George W. Bush introduced Homeland Security Presidential Directive-12 (HSPD-12), establishing strict standards for a unified government-issued photo ID to enhance security across federal agencies.



## The Challenge

### Inconsistent Quality & Costly Maintenance

Inconsistent Quality & Costly Maintenance – Government agencies relied on multiple access card printers from various manufacturers to produce CAC cards. This led to inconsistent card quality, unreliable hardware, and expensive service contracts, creating inefficiencies across departments.

## The Solution

### **SMART-51L** Laminating Card Printer

To address these issues, government integrators turned to IDP for a more reliable, cost-effective, and high-performance access card printer. The SMART-51L was rigorously evaluated over two years, surpassing expectations in ease of use, reliability, and consistent card production quality. As a result, this access card printer has been deployed to replace hundreds of legacy units across multiple agencies.

## Why Agencies Choose the SMART-51L

- **High-quality**, secure card printing for improved durability

- **Advanced lamination technology** to prevent tampering & fraud

- **User-friendly** design for seamless operation & maintenance

- **Cost-efficient** performance reducing long-term operational expenses

**With the SMART-51L, U.S. government agencies now benefit from enhanced security, streamlined card production, and lower maintenance costs, ensuring compliance with HSPD-12 standards.**