## Health Care PKI Working Group January 22, 2002

The meeting opened with review and after additions, approval of the minutes of the November 26 meeting. These minutes are posted on the Federal PKI Steering Committee web site (http://www.cio.gov/fpkisc) under the Working Group: Health Care.

Next was a presentation by Andrew McFaul of the Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA) and Steve Bruck of PEC, Inc. titled <u>DEA Electronic PKI Initiatives</u>. A copy of the PowerPoint presentation is posted on the Federal PKI Steering Committee web site (<a href="http://www.cio.gov/fpkisc">http://www.cio.gov/fpkisc</a>) under the Working Group: Health Care. Its focus was on two key e-commerce initiatives:

- Electronic prescriptions for Controlled Substances (EPCS), and
- ♦ Controlled Substance Ordering System (CSOS).

These systems will be national systems involving the healthcare community in those areas. Full implementation will also be the largest implementation to date of a PKI. DEA intends that certificate holders would be able to use their certificates in other applications as well, through the Federal Bridge Certification Authority.

The presentation generated much interest and many questions from the audience and as a result there were many digressions into more details of how the systems would operate and the functional characteristics of these environments.

Rob Kolodner of the Veterans Health Administration (VHA) suggested that due to the importance of this system and its impact, a small work group from agencies who have implemented PKIs be convened. The work group will examine DEA's plans to be sure that there will be no problems as the systems grow. Andrew McFaul of DEA replied that the suggestion will be raised to DEA management, and DEA and VHA will discuss it further. VHA will coordinate the work group, if it forms.

At the conclusion of the presentation, the meeting was over its allotted time and the other agenda items were not covered. They will be covered in the next meeting.

The next meeting is Tuesday, February 26, 2002 from 10:00 am to Noon at HHS/CMS in Baltimore, MD.

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