Health Care PKI Working Group
September 24, 2002

The meeting opened with review and approval of the minutes of the July 23rd meeting. These minutes are posted to the Health Care Working Group web site.

Steve Timchak, Program Manager of the eAuthentication gave a presentation on the status and direction of his project. This project is one of the President's Management Council (PMC) E-Gov Initiatives.

The goals of the initiative are:

- To build and enable mutual trust needed to support wide spread use of electronic interactions between the public and Government, and across Governments,

- To minimize the burden on the public when obtaining trusted electronic services from the Government, and across the governments, and

- Deliver common interoperable authentication solutions, ensuring they are an appropriate match for the levels of risk and business needs of each eGovernment initiative

The eAuthentication project will provide a gateway, which will:

- Provide validation services for multiple forms of ID credentials,

- Establish risk/assurance levels for multiple forms of ID credentials, and

- Be available for all E-Gov initiatives.

A prototype gateway is scheduled to be operational at the end of September (*and it is operational*).

This presentation is posted on the Health Care Working Group web site (http://www.cio.gov/fpkisc/hcwg.htm).

The status of the Health Care PKI Pilots is as follows:

- SSA & VA – Secure Exchange of Medical Evidence: Our primary contact on this project was unable to attend the meeting; we will get a status at the next meeting.

- Western Governor's Association – Health Passport: A GSA ACES RFP titled "Health Passport Phase II Systems Assessment, Feasibility, Detail Design Architecture & Test" was issued on July 19; it closed on August 23. It calls for

the following deliverables: Requirements Document, Feasibility Assessment Report and Detailed Systems Design & Architecture Document. Products are due 180 days after award.

- NIH – Educause – Higher Education Electronic Grant Application Process Utilizing the Federal Bridge Certification Authority and the Higher Education Bridge Certification Authority: The project has been successful with transmitting and processing grant applications from the University of Alabama (Birmingham), the University of Wisconsin (Madison), Dartmouth College, the University of Texas (Houston) and the University of California (Berkley) to NIH.

  Current Status:
  An extension of the existing task order is pending. Currently, Mitretek Systems is working to bring VeriSign to interoperability. Work is also being done on directory issues and a "cookbook for educational institutions".

  Phase III is due to be awarded soon. It will include development of the production bridge, stand-up a Higher Education policy authority and cross certification of the production Higher Education Bridge with the production Federal Bridge. Also, included is further development of DAVE. These products are due 180 days after award.

  Half of the funding is coming from NIH through the FPKISC.

The next regular Health Care PKI Working Group meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, October 22, 2002 from 10:00 am to Noon, Room 325A at the HHH Building in Washington, DC.

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