

Federal Public Key Infrastructure (PKI)
Legal and Policy Working Group (LPWG)
Draft Meeting Minutes – January 7, 2002

Gene McDowell (co-chair LPWG) welcomed everyone to the meeting.

There were three corrections made to the November 26, 2001 meeting minutes:

1. Section 3.1.10, from the FBCA CP, was incorrectly referenced. Section 3.1.9 replaces section 3.1.10 in the meeting minutes.
2. New language is required in the FBCA CP, since we are removing unique ID requirements from the FBCA CP. As opposed to requiring unique ID requirements for non-federal entities as previously stated in the meeting minutes.
3. It was stated erroneously that the Australian government was going to implement a Bridge to cross certify with the FBCA. This statement was deleted from the meeting minutes.

At the November meeting, Mike Jenkins (CPWG) brought a question about whether the FBCA CP section 3.1.9 should require a unique identifying number for the verifier and the applicant. Mike and Rebecca Kahn will provide new wording for the CPWG to present to the Federal PKI Policy Authority (FPKIPA) since unique ID requirements will be removed from this section.

Where do we stand in our work on the liability issue: what changes will be needed in the FBCA CP or elsewhere to accommodate interoperation of the FBCA with non-federal entities (state governments, foreign governments, private sector bridges, other)? Judy Spencer has e-mailed hypothetical to John Cornell. Before the next LPWG meeting, John's draft will be forwarded to the LPWG members for their feedback and then to OMB for their feedback. Once the feedback is incorporated, the cover letter (written by Judy) and memo (addressed by John) will be sent to the DOJ.

A question was asked if we should have contract help with liability issues. Per Judy, there is money for contract help this year.

What functions in PKI are inherently governmental and need to be done in government as opposed to contract to outside vendors? The FBCA, the FPKIPA, and certifying government officials with credentials are inherently governmental. Judy recommended modifying the ACES contract to include government agencies issuance of their employees' digital credentials.

Judy updated the LPWG with the following:

1. The NIH is running a pilot (E-Grant proposals) with the University of Wisconsin-Madison, the University of Alabama-Birmingham, the University of Texas-Houston, the University of California and Dartmouth College. These universities have cross-certified with the prototype Higher Education Bridge CA and the

- Higher Education Bridge CA has cross-certified with the prototype FBCA. They are using products from Entrust, Digital Signature Trust, VeriSign, iPlanet and RSA. Proof of concept has been successful.
2. If you perform business with the Federal government, you'll need to come in via the FirstGov (government-wide) portal. The FirstGov portal is not going to change its name to "USA Service" as previously expected. The portal will send you to an authentication gateway to be identity authenticated. Portal capabilities will include single sign-on and privilege management. We need to incorporate elements of what the British and Canadian governments are doing.

Judy would like the LPWG to review the ABA PKI Assessment Guidelines (PAG) document even though we missed the review deadline. Review the PAG as it applies to Federal agencies. We need to know what requirements Federal agencies will be using and also direct these agencies what requirements they need to use. Do we recommend this document for agencies or extract certain requirements for these agencies? Shauna Russell has a contractor analyzing and extracting requirements for government use. Since the PAG is over 350 pages in length, hopefully the condensed version will be around 100 pages in length. Shauna will e-mail the LPWG a draft by either the end of this month or early February.

The next meeting will be January 28th (10:30am until 12:00pm) at the GSA/NCR in conference room 5700.

Attendees:

Roger Bezdek, Treasury
John Cornell, GSA/OGC
Gene McDowell, NOAA
Jan S. McNutt, DISA
Brant G. Petrick, GSA/FPKISC
Judith Spencer, GSA/FPKISC
Theresa Trentacoste, NFC
Mark Giguere, NARA
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Kavita Kalsy, BPD
Richard Gray, AF OGC
Shauna Russell, DoD GC