

Federal PKI Legal & Policy Working Group Meeting
January 27, 2003

The Department of State (DOS) representative handed out to the group “PKI Liability Paragraphs”. It lists the liability language that is present in the Certificate Policies (CP) from the State Department, the USDA/NFC, the NASA and the DOD. The liability section in a Federal agency CP becomes important when dealing with non-federal entities due to the Federal Tort Claims Act.

Gene McDowell wants to adapt what is stated in the FBCA CP to make it applicable to federal agencies. After the LPWG approves the liability language, Gene will forward this to the Federal PKI Steering Committee (FPKISC) for its approval, to OMB and DOJ for comments, and then to the Federal CIO Council for approval and adoption into Federal agency CPs, including the NIST generic CPs.

The NIST draft generic CPs still needs to go through the approval process. After the Federal PKI Technical Working Group approves the templates, they will be forwarded to the FPKISC and the Certificate Policy Working Group for comments, and then to the Federal PKI Policy Authority (FPKIPA) for approval.

The next FPKISC meeting is scheduled for January 28th in Room # 5141A, we’ll be discussing the paper “PKI and Authentication Principles for CIO Council Discussion, January 15, 2003” and a representative from the Department of Energy will brief us on their Adobe plug-in for Entrust to digitally sign a PDF document and verify the signature.

The next CPWG meeting is scheduled for January 29th at NIST North, we’ll be discussing the mapping matrix between the FBCA CP and the VeriSign Corporation Managed PKI at a medium level of assurance.

There will be a Federal PKI Deployment Workshop co-sponsored by the FPKIPA and the NIST on March 12-13, 2003 at the Hyatt Regency Crystal City, in Arlington, VA.

We’re expecting the FBCA Operational Authority will implement LDAP in the production FBCA by the June 2003 timeframe.

Gene will present the new draft MOA template for discussion, comments and possible acceptance at the February 24th LPWG meeting. Following LPWG approval, it will go to the FPKISC for comments, and then to the FPKIPA (which is the party to whom an agency enters into an MOA with) for approval.

Gene would like the members at this meeting (BPD, DOD, DOS, ED, GSA, IRS, NFC and NOAA) to research current practices in Federal agencies for ID proofing their employees and contractors. You could talk to your Security Officer and/or to your Human Resources department. The information you collect will be discussed at the next LPWG meeting. If you want, you could email this information to Bob House, before the

next LPWG meeting, so that he could combine all the information received.

The next LPWG meeting is scheduled for February 24th, 1:00 p.m., at GSA's Central Office, 1800 F Street, NW, in room # 5141A.

Attendees:

Gene McDowell, NOAA

Jan McNutt, DOD

Ron Sann, ED

Theresa Trentacoste, USDA/NFC

Brant G. Petrick, FPKISC

Bob House, DOS

Steve Duncan, GSA

Woody Roberson, IRS

Kavita Kalsy, BPD