

Federal Public Key Infrastructure (PKI)
Legal and Policy Working Group (LPWG)
Draft Meeting Minutes – January 28, 2002

The draft letter to the Department of Justice (DOJ) requesting an opinion on liability of the Federal Bridge (FB) with non-Federal entities has not been sent to the DOJ. The legal opinion is in the works, but not yet done.

Shauna received the first draft (last Friday) of the condensed American Bar Association PKI Assessment Guidelines (ABA PAG) document. It seems to be on the right track. Shauna will review the draft and provide a copy to the LPWG.

We discussed Gene's handouts that deal with different parties that interoperate with the FB; the liabilities of Certificate Authorities (CA) and Policy Authorities derive from their responsibilities and a break down of responsibility relations. We'll discuss this further at the next LPWG meeting.

There was a lively discussion of identity proofing, especially in relation to the E-Authentication portal and gateway.

Judy updated the group on the following:

- Non-Federal entities that interface with the FB will not be able to vote at the Federal PKI Policy Authority (FPKIPA) meetings when dealing with Federal agencies. However, non-Federal entities will be able to vote on other issues.
- We're hoping that industry associations will have bridges for their own enclaves. That way, the FB will cross-certify with industry association bridges. Examples are the healthcare industry, the automotive industry, and academia.
- GSA is requesting that the Access Certificates for Electronic Services (ACES) cross certify with the FB.
- The Higher Education Bridge CA successfully cross-certified technically with the prototype FB. Higher Education's Certificate Policy (CP) is a work in progress.
- States should want to cross certify with the FB to increase service to their citizens. However, there are no plans for a state-run bridge.
- NASA has technically cross-certified with the prototype FBCA.

Shauna would like to start the process of drafting disclaimer language when non-Federal entities interoperate with the FB. This will reduce the risk to be found liable if we have a disclaimer in place.

New Issue:

Should we differentiate foreign nationals from US citizens when issuing registration cards (electronic credentials)? We'll discuss this further at the next LPWG meeting.

The next LPWG meeting will be February 25th (1:00pm until 3:00pm) at the General Services Administration NCR building in conference room 5700.

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