

**Federal PKI Legal & Policy Working Group Meeting**  
**March 25, 2002**

GSA Legal Counsel has written approximately 30 pages on the Federal Bridge Tort liability paper. Currently writing the statute and the regulations section. Gene McDowell will contact John Cornell for an advance copy of the draft liability paper so that the LPWG can review what has been written to date.

Judy Spencer has a copy of the draft PKI Assessment Guide in Brief document and will forward a copy to the LPWG for review.

The Federal PKI Policy Authority (FPKIPA) has received NASA's application for cross certification with the Federal Bridge Certification Authority (FBCA). The FPKIPA also received NASA's Certificate Policy, Certification Practice Statement, and third party audit report. NASA plans on cross certifying with the FBCA at the medium assurance level. The FPKIPA Charter is being revised to include non-federal agency participation in the FPKIPA meetings and non-federal agency cross-certification with the FBCA.

In the near future, the FBCA will cross certify with the Canadian Government BCA. Judy Spencer is preparing the US paperwork for cross certification and the Canadian government is doing the same. When ready, a date will be set for a mutual exchange of documentation. Once the exchange has taken place, the process of mapping and technical interoperability testing should (hopefully) be completed in 90 days. An important consideration is the availability of a live cross border application to take advantage of the two cross-certified bridges.

It is anticipated by the end of this year we will have four CA products technically interoperable within the FBCA membrane (Baltimore Technologies, Entrust, Microsoft and RSA) and two CA products technically interoperable outside the FBCA membrane (IPlanet and VeriSign).

The Citizen Certificate Team consists of a half-dozen people. A draft report is being written for the e-Authentication task force. This draft report deals with accreditation of a certificate authority for citizen certificates. These certificates would be accepted by governmental agencies via the government portal. The team is aiming for a single level citizen certificate for access to agencies and their applications by providing strong identity credentials.

The NARA Electronic Records Management (ERM) group sponsored meetings on March 18<sup>th</sup> and March 20<sup>th</sup>. Federal agencies were invited to participate in a focus group with the objective of helping identify and define detailed issues and requirements related to the management of records created as part of a PKI environment. A draft report will be produced by the third week of June for LPWG review. Then the draft report will be sent for review to the Federal PKI Steering Committee, the Architectural Infrastructure Group and the OMB. The final report will be published in the November timeframe.

The next LPWG meeting is scheduled for April 22nd at 1pm. Located at the GSA/NCR building in conference room 5700.

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