

**Federal PKI Legal & Policy Working Group Meeting
March 24, 2003**

The Federal CIO Council and NARA have approved the Records Management Guidance for PKI-Unique Administrative Records. The Archives and CIO Council are coordinating the simultaneous posting of the guidance by NARA and to the Federal PKI Steering Committee (FPKISC) website on the same day.

Paula Barton and Jan McNutt have developed liability language for Federal agency CPs: “The U.S. Government shall not be liable to any other party, except as determined pursuant to the Federal Tort Claims Act, 28 U.S.C. 2671-2680, or as determined through a valid express written contract between the Government and another party”. Gene McDowell will email this liability language to the LPWG for comments. Once approved by the LPWG, Gene will ask for FPKISC comments. After FPKISC comments are incorporated, Gene will then send it to the Federal PKI Policy Authority (FPKIPA), who will ask for DOJ approval.

Gene needs to combine comments from Shauna Russell and Peter Alterman on the Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) between the FPKIPA and a participating Federal agency or a non-federal entity. When finished, Gene will send the MOA to the LPWG for comments. Once approved by the LPWG, Gene will ask for FPKISC and FPKIPA comments.

Gene would like someone to brief the LPWG on Federal Bridge Certification Authority (FBCA) legality issues.

Status on ID proofing Federal agency employees, contractors and associates: the Education Department (ED) conducts a background investigation on its employees, ED also checks new employee credentials, such as reissuing user passwords (personal information is obtained and then questioned before a user’s password is reset). There is a minimum of a secret clearance to work at the State Department, then once in the building the employee goes through the process for a top-secret clearance.

The next LPWG meeting is scheduled for April 21st in GSA’s Central Office Building, Room # 5141A at 1:00pm.

Attendees:

Gene McDowell, NOAA
Art Purcell, USPTO
Ron Sann, ED
Theresa Trentacoste, USDA/NFC
Brant G. Petrick, FPKISC
Bob House, DOS
Woody Roberson, IRS
Paula Barton, DOS