

Federal PKI Legal & Policy Working Group Meeting
September 23, 2002

We welcomed three new members from the Department of State to the group. They handed out a “Request for Recommendations and Information” paper to discuss. As a group, we discussed the following issues: PKI for Non-governmental Organizations, PKI Direct Support/Cross-Certification to Foreign Governments and/or Corporations, Use of Encryption vis-a-vis Network Monitoring and Privacy Considerations.

NIST is in the process of creating CP templates (for each level of assurance) to help federal agencies develop their CP. Gene McDowell wants the group to examine the liability language that currently resides in the approved FBCA CP. Rebecca Kahn informed us that we need legal representation from federal agencies at these meetings since we’re going to modify the liability language.

Gene wants the LPWG to draft an MOA template that can be used between a federal agency and the Federal PKI Policy Authority. After that, we will develop one or more templates for use by non-federal entities.

All four federal agencies (NASA, Treasury, DOD and USDA/NFC) that cross-certified with the FBCA have a signed MOA with the Federal PKI Policy Authority. However, all four MOAs have unique and special criteria incorporated within.

Gene will contact Brian Dilley (Booz-Allen & Hamilton) for copies of the signed MOAs.

The Department of State is currently drafting the MOA with the Canadian government and will be drafting treaties with the following foreign governments: the United Kingdom and Australia.

We’re going to need to bring in outside legal counsel for an independent legal view on the financial and legal issues associated with a bridge-to-bridge relationship.

The next LPWG meeting is scheduled for October 28th, starting at 1:00 p.m., in Room # 5700 (GSA, NCR Building).

Attendees:

Gene McDowell, NOAA
Theresa Trentacoste, NFC
Amy Mertz Brown, SBA
Peter Alterman, FPKISC
Charles Froehlich, DOS
Woody Roberson, IRS
Ron Sann, ED
Rebecca Kahn, FPKISC
Kavita Kalsy, BPD

Paula Barton, DOS
Brant G. Petrick, FPKISC
Judith Spencer, FPKISC
Bob House, DOS