Federal Public Key Infrastructure Steering Committee (FPKISC) Meeting Minutes – March 14, 2001

Current Status of Federal Bridge (FB) Activity:

Judy presented "Milestones to FBCA Operational Status" and "Analysis of CA Product Demonstrations".

The FBCA CP received CIO Council approval. However, there are two changes that need to be made to the FBCA CP. They are to cross certify the FB with nonfederal entities and the use of non-U.S. designed & manufactured hardware cryptographic modules in the FB. The LPWG is looking into the liability issues associated with these changes. Both the FPKIPA and the CIO Council will be briefed on these issues and hopefully agreed to by the end of April. Other items that we discussed: the first draft of the FBCA CPS has been sent out for comments, and the FB will be housed in GSA space & operated by contractor support personnel.

Both vendors were in the lab to demonstrate their capabilities. Only one of the vendors successfully complied with the FBCA CP requirements. Hopefully, a software patch(s) is needed to make the other vendor compliant with FBCA CP requirements. There could be impacts to the FB schedule if the vendor does not install and demonstrate the software patch(s) in the next two weeks.

Application for FPKISC Funding:

Judy presented "Application for Funding from the FPKISC". The FPKIPA will give multiple grants to federal agencies between the ranges of \$150K - \$350K to facilitate cross certification with the FB. Judy wants the federal agency proposals into her office by June 1st. Federal agencies must have a legitimate reason why they want to cross certify with the FB and with other federal agencies. NASA and NFC will be the first two federal agencies the FB will cross certify with.

FPKI PA Report – Michelle Moldenhauer:

The following documents are being finalized: the FPKIPA by-laws, the FPKIPA MOA, the FPKIPA application for cross certification, and the FPKIPA charter. NIST is going to be added as an ex-official member. Michelle will hire 2 contractors to provide technical support and administrative support to the FPKIPA. The next FPKIPA meeting is April 17th 9:30 a.m. at 1425 New York Avenue, Room c110. All FPKISC members are invited to attend.

Electronic Records Management – Art Purcell:

Judy will draft a letter for Lee Holcomb (NASA) to sign to formalize a relationship with NARA for electronic PKI records management.

ETSI Meeting:

There is a meeting scheduled with Nick Pope to discuss the European Union and the U.S. PKI interoperability issues on April 17th 1:00 p.m. at the GSA NCR Building, Room 5700. All FPKISC members are invited to attend.

ABA/ISC Meeting:

There is an American Bar Association (ABA)/Internet Security Council (ISC) quarterly meeting April 18th – April 19th at the GSA NCR Building. All FPKISC members are invited to attend. The ABA/ISC will provide the final draft of the "PKI Assessment Guide" to FPKISC members and to LPWG members for feedback.

VeriSign Briefing:

Warrick Ford from VeriSign will attend the next FPKISC meeting April 19th and status the group on XKMS at 10:00 a.m.

Technical Working Group (TWG) – NIST:

The TWG held their monthly meeting on March 8th. Scott Lowery from Digital Signatures Trust presented "Why PKI won't be real until CA's assume liability". Ravi Sandhut from SingleSignon.Net presented "Single Sign-on Appliance to make PKI easier to use". Tim Polk (NIST) status the group on the FB, and Mike Chernick (NIST) status the group on the S/MIME profile and the testing of S/MIME. The next TWG meeting was scheduled for April 19th. However, Bill Burr will either reschedule or cancel the meeting due to the FPKISC meeting on April 19th.

Legal & Policy Working Group (LPWG) – USPTO/SBA:

Mark Giguere (NARA) volunteered to be another co-chair for this working group. The group held their monthly meeting on March 12th. The following topics in the FBCA CP were discussed: cross certifying with a non-federal agency and U.S. designed & manufactured hardware cryptographic modules. The next meeting will be April 23rd 1:30 p.m. at GSA NCR Building, Room 5700.

Health Care Working Group - HHS:

At their last meeting, February 27th, the following topics were discussed: DOD has signed-off on the Health Care CP, the Government Computer based Patient Record (GCPR) is a database of health care provider credentials, and the secure exchange of medical evidence & medical credentials.

Target dates for IHS PKI initiatives:

- secure e-mail and digital signatures September 30, 2001
- strong authentication and use of tokens December 31, 2001
- Resource and Patient Management System (RPMS) and Veteran's Health Information Systems and Technology Architecture (VISTA) enhancement to use PKI – June 30, 2002

The next meeting will be March 28th 1:30 p.m. at the HHH Building, HHS Conference Room 325A.

State Interoperability - FPKISC:

By September 2001, the FB will cross certify with the State of Illinois CA. In the next 12-18 months, the State of Illinois will issue certificates to their 12.5M citizens. The next meeting will be held in Chicago, IL on April 6th. All FPKISC members are invited to attend.

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