



## GSA Evaluation Program EPTWG Kickoff Meeting Minutes



Date: 04/16/2008  
Time: 10:00 AM  
Location: GSA Headquarters, 1800 F St, NW, Washington DC

### Agenda Items

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- Mission Statement
- EPTWG Objectives
- Logistics
- IP-based card reader discussion
- Q&A

### Minutes

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1. EPTWG is reconvening for the benefit of the government and vendor community. The EPTWG was originally formed to discuss the development of the Approval Procedures in February 2006. Since the commencement of operation of the Evaluation Program in 2007, GSA is interested in opening up discussions again through the EPTWG to discuss PIV technology areas in an open forum.
2. The mission of the GSA EPTWG is to *"strengthen the Evaluation Program and the evaluation of PIV components to meet in the intent of HSPD-12"*.
3. The primary means of communication from the EP PMO and the working group participants will be via the distribution list. Participants can communicate with the PMO using the [fips201eplabmain@gsa.gov](mailto:fips201eplabmain@gsa.gov) email address.
4. The key objective for the EPTWG are:
  - To obtain feedback from Agencies and Private Industry on the Approval Procedures
  - To engage in dialogue with the EP to provide feedback on EP Lab and EP activities
  - To provide technical support in the variety of technology areas touched by HSPD-12.
5. The EPTWG gatherings will be more or less on a monthly basis.
6. The comment period for solicitation of comments on the Evaluation Program's documentation will begin COB today. A comment submission form will be posted online, with instructions on how to submit the form.
7. GSA would like to solicit information from the Vendor community on IP-based readers for PACS. Details discussed included:
  - Some vendors feel that testing PACS systems as a whole (system-based), rather than testing a reader which outputs a string of bytes (component-based) is the most appropriate form of testing for the Labs. GSA would like to hold further discussion on this topic at a later meeting.
  - GSA posed the question of "Would it be helpful for the Vendor community, if GSA hosted a PKI certificate validation service for testing of the access control that deals with PKI?" The vendor community agreed that this system would be most helpful, however questions were asked about GSA issuing certificates or providing test cards. GSA would like to stay away from providing test cards, but would consider standing up infrastructure for certificate issuance.



## Action Items

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1. The PMO will post the comment solicitation form on the GSA EP Website by COB Wednesday.
2. Suppliers will send GSA information relating to IP-based physical access readers along with readers that can currently process PKI.