Federal Public Key Infrastructure Steering Committee (FPKISC)
GSA NCR Building, 7th & D Streets, SW
Meeting Minutes – 19 January, 2001

Federal Bridge Certification Authority (FBCA) Status:

There was a meeting, 12 January 01, between representatives from DOD, GSA, NIST, and Mitretek to discuss how and when to take the Federal Bridge (FB) operational. Representatives from NIST (Tim Polk) and NSA (Dave Fillingham) will produce a requirements document to support the certificate profile and policy mapping. The document will be ready before the next FBCA status meeting (9 February 2001). Both Certification Authority vendors will receive the requirements document, and will be requested to provide feedback. The production FB should be operational by the end of February 2001. Mitretek will create a mirror of the prototype FB and house the operational FB at GSA. The operational FB will be managed by security clearanced personnel. If only one vendor is ready to go operational, then the FPKISC and the FPKI Policy Authority (FPKIPA) will need to discuss the option of only one product in the membrane, rather than two products. It won't be a technical issue going operational with only one product, however, it could turn into a political issue. Entities that are ready to cross-certify at the test level with the FB are: DOD, NASA, and NFC. The government of Canada wants to cross-certify at the test level with the FB, however, their Luna-3 crypto module is foreign-built. The Certificate Policy for the FBCA states, that the crypto module must be US manufactured at the medium assurance level and at the high assurance level. This issue will be discussed and researched further by the FPKIPA, NIST, and NSA.

PKI Forum:

There is a PKI Forum that was announced at last years RSA Conference. The US government wants to participate (for free) but was told it would cost them $5K for one seat at the PKI forum table. NSA is in the process of working a deal to get the FPKISC a seat at the table (for free). Details to follow.

Access Certificates for Electronic Services (ACES) Forum:

The 2nd annual ACES Forum will be held on 14 February 2001. The scope of the forum is going to be expanded to discuss PKI issues. Topics that will be discussed are: the Government Paperwork Elimination Act (GPEA), the E-Sign Bill, HIPPA, E-Gov, and archiving issues. There will also be an Executive Breakfast from 7:30am until 8:30am, for Chief Financial Officers, Senior Management, Procurement Executives, and Senior IT professionals. The forum will be held at the Shriner's Hall auditorium, Crowne

Plaza, Washington, DC.   There is no cost to US government participants, and lunch will be provided. Details to follow.

The Evolving Federal PKI Booklet:

This booklet contained a snapshot (May/June 2000 time frame) status of US Federal Government PKI initiatives. The FPKISC members would like to include an updated Federal Government PKI status report on the FPKISC web site. Questions that we need to research are: At what intervals should we update each government agencies status on the web site? What information can we keep current and how often? Art Purcell (USPTO) would like to update the status of the agencies quarterly. In the meantime, federal agencies should provide updates to the chair of the Federal PKI BWG.

FPKISC:

The FPKISC staff members are now located at GSA, NCR Building, 7th & D St., Room 5676, Washington DC. If you need to email either Rebecca Kahn or Brant Petrick, please address the email to the following account: fpkisc@gsa.gov . There is a new URL for the FPKISC website, it is: www.cio.gov/fpkisc. This website should be operational by February 2001. In the meantime, the old URL is: http://cioc-pki.treas.gov

HealthCare PKI Working Group (HCWG):

Several months ago, the HCFA approached the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) about championing a healthcare PKI pilot. The following federal agencies involved are: DOD, HCFA, HHS, SSA, and VA. So far, there have been four meetings hosted by OMB (Dan Chenok). Discussions have centered round developing a pilot for healthcare agencies and healthcare providers, as well as, individuals that deal with these agencies. The SSA has an initiative and pilot with the California Medical Association. Judy Spencer wants to bring this working group under the umbrella of the FPKISC. The following agencies are HCWG members: DOD, GSA, HCFA, HHS, OMB, SSA, and VA. FPKISC staff drafted a medium assurance Certificate Policy (CP) for the HealthCare PKI. The next meeting for the HCWG is scheduled for 29 January 2001, at the White House Executive Conference Center.

Action Plan:

Judy Spencer distributed the following hand-outs for the FPKISC members to review and provide feedback: an action plan which included an executive summary (background, overview of the FPKISC, goals & objectives, major initiatives, financial

issues, critical issues, milestones & timeframes), and a letter from Richard Guida to James Flyzik and Lee Holcomb on the FPKI state of affairs, and the FPKI future goals.

The following major initiatives were discussed: your agency becomes a member of the FPKIPA if your agency cross-certifies with the FBCA, the FPKISC staff will continue working with state governments and with english speaking foreign governments, the FPKISC staff will continue attending PKI-related conferences, the FPKISC staff will attend technical interchange meetings with Microsoft and Netscape to make sure their browsers support PKI interoperability, the FPKISC staff will support the CIO Council and the EIEIT committee, and last but not least, the FPKISC team will resolve directory issues and revise the FPKISC charter.

Funding:

The Treasury Appropriations Bill was signed by the President earlier in the month. Michelle Moldenhauer, the FPKI Policy Authority (FPKIPA) chair will be responsible for controlling the $3.5M funds. Judy Spencer will draft a criteria plan for federal agency funding. Federal agencies must meet certain criteria, and must have plans to interoperate with the Federal Bridge to receive this funding.

Technical Working Group (TWG):

The Federal PKI Directory Ad Hoc meeting was held on 8 December 2000. A representative from the higher education community (Michael R. Gettes, Georgetown University) wanted both naming schemes adopted (X500 distinguished names and domain component names). Bill Burr took the action to write the Federal PKI Directory Ad Hoc minutes, and a draft of the Federal PKI Directory Profile. He will provide both of these at the Federal PKI TWG meeting on 30 January 2001.

Legal & Policy Working Group (LPWG):

Judy Spencer will coordinate an LPWG meeting in the February 2001 timeframe to revitalize the group and to select a new chair for the group.

Business Working Group (BWG):

The next Federal PKI BWG meeting will be held 21 February 2001, from 10:00am until 12:00pm. Located at the GSA Central Office, 18th & F St., Room 5240, NW, Washington DC. Representatives from the SSA and VA agencies will provide a lessons learned presentation.

Next Meeting:

The next meeting will be on 16 February 2001. From 9:30am until 12:00pm. At the GSA, NCR Building.

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