

## Federal Public Key Infrastructure Steering Committee Meeting Minutes – September 24, 2001

### Status on the Federal Bridge Certification Authority (FBCA):

The Federal Bridge (FB) is still open and ready (or should we say waiting) for business. Technically and policy-wise, NASA is the furthest along. If there's any operational PKI's that want to partake in testing, please let us know.

NIST is in the process of writing templates for producing a Certificate Policy (CP) and a Certification Practice Statement (CPS). These will help agencies trying to get a CA up and running and cross-certified with the FB. NIST may put in some boilerplates for specific vendor software. These templates are for rudimentary, basic, and medium levels of assurance.

Currently, the FB is only able to fully communicate with X500 directory servers. We have a plan to bridge that gap. A border directory server agent with a META connector module will allow agencies running non-X500 directories to communicate with the FB. However, we will need your LDAP server static IP address.

Microsoft is wrapping their CA service in with their server software. They'll be rolling out this software in the early part of the 2002 calendar year. Microsoft would like their beta version tested with the FB and would also like to be included in the FB membrane.

RSA is in the process of testing with the FB. So far, only minor directory issues have occurred.

Senior management at the NFC is reviewing their CP. They have also moved their equipment into the secure room.

In the 2002 calendar year, the FPKISC will tackle path discovery. We're attempting to integrate path discovery at the FB. However, validation of certificates is something the agency CA still needs to do.

Art Purcell (USPTO) attended a meeting on E-Government policies in Japan. The Japanese are planning a bridge between their government agencies in the near future.

### Status on the Certificate Policy Working Group (CPWG):

This group is putting together a list of criteria for the evaluation process. There are 4 levels of assurance in the FBCA CP. The CPWG will decide whether your agency's implementation meets or exceeds the level of assurance you're applying for. If it doesn't meet all criteria at that level of assurance, it will need to be downgraded.

### Status on the Federal PKI Policy Authority (FPKIPA):

Booz-Allen Hamilton (BAH) will provide contractor support to the FPKIPA on a policy level. The Getting Started Guide (how to manual) that is being written by BAH, will be

ready in the near future. Members from the CPWG reviewed the draft version of the Getting Started Guide last Friday.

Agencies that are preparing their CP for submission must meet or exceed all criteria in the FBCA CP, and will also need to supply an agency representative to attend CPWG meetings when needed.

Status on Electronic Records Management (ERM):

There is funding in the FPKISC budget for the ERM initiative. We can now move forward to fund contractor support. NARA will provide guidance on ERM by the next year.

Status on the Business Working Group (BWG):

There will be a PKI conference on November 29, 2001. It's for one day only, at the J.W. Marriott Hotel in Washington, DC. It will focus on PKI 101, best practices and lessons learned. There is an attendance limit of 500, for government employees only and is free to attend. There will also be booths for vendors and exhibitors outside the conference.

We're in the process of updating the BWG web pages with current PKI status of federal agencies. This will resemble the information contained in Appendix A of the Evolving Federal Public Key Infrastructure booklet.

Status on the Legal & Policy Working Group (LPWG):

Ashley Hou informed the group that she will no longer be the co-chair of this group due to a temporary reassignment. At the previous meeting, Ashley had setup a presentation on the Federal TORT claims act.

The next LPWG meeting will be posted to the FPKISC web site in the near future.

Status on the Technical Working Group (TWG):

There was a meeting on September 13, 2001 at NIST that focused on the following: Chris Martin (GAO) provided an overview of the GAO sanctioning process and it's implications for financial management PKI systems, Russ Davis (FDIC) provided an overview on FDIC's high level API, and Shu-Jen Chang (NIST) described the high-level API (written in C programming language) that NIST developed with FDIC and GAO.

The next TWG meeting will be held on November 8, 2001 at NIST North, conference room 152 (starting at 9:00 a.m.).

Status on the State Interoperability Working Group:

There will be a 2-day meeting in the late October, early November timeframe in Trenton, New Jersey. This meeting should consist of attendees from New Jersey, Pennsylvania, Illinois, GSA, EPA, USPTO, SSA, SBA, and possibly other agencies that need to work with these states.

Next Meeting:

The next FPKISC meeting will be held on November 7, 2001 at GSA Central Office, conference room 5141B (starting at 9:30 a.m.).

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