

**Federal PKI Legal & Policy Working Group Meeting  
October 28, 2002**

Judith Spencer informed the group of the following: the Federal Bridge Certification Authority (FBCA) Operational Authority (OA) is in the process of cross certifying with the Government of Canada, the Certificate Policy Working Group (CPWG) participated in a mapping exercise comparing the FBCA Certificate Policy (CP) against the European Telecommunications Standards Institute (ETSI) policy document at the medium assurance level, and contractors from the Policy Authority are mapping the FBCA CP to the Australian GateKeeper policy document. Overall, CPWG members were in agreement with the bulk of the ETSI policy document, with several discrepancies noted.

Paula Barton, Art Purcell and Jan McNutt volunteered to help draft liability language for federal agency CPs. Gene McDowell would like to see federal agencies submit their CP liability language to the LPWG for review and approval.

NIST is in the process of creating CP templates (rudimentary, basic and medium assurance levels) to help draft federal agency CPs.

Gene McDowell, Peter Alterman, Shauna Russell and Kavita Kalsy volunteered to draft an MOA template that can be used between a federal agency and the Federal PKI Policy Authority. The draft MOA template will be presented to the members at the next LPWG meeting.

Mark Giguere and Art Purcell have not received comments on the final draft of the PKI Records Management project document. Comments from Steering Committee members are due October 29<sup>th</sup>. Once comments are incorporated into the final draft, the document will be submitted to the CIO Council for approval. Judith Spencer will contact representatives from OMB for their comments.

Gene McDowell led a discussion of a near-future task to describe explicitly the ID proofing that is automatically done for federal employees and contractors, irrespective of PKI, that current CP language implicitly assumes. As we begin to evaluate CPs of non-federal entities, we need to know exactly what the federal policy is that we are mapping the non-federal policies to. Discussion revealed some suspicion that the practices among federal agencies are not as consistent as everyone has been assuming, indicating that the trust relations among agencies might not be as well founded as we have assumed and that we might need to be more explicit in the language applying to federal agencies as well.

The next LPWG meeting is scheduled for November 25<sup>th</sup>, starting at 1:00 p.m., in the GSA, NCR Building, Room # 5700.

**Attendees:**

Gene McDowell, NOAA  
Art Purcell, USPTO  
Mark Giguere, NARA  
Josephine Smidt, USDON  
Jan McNutt, DOD  
Woody Roberson, IRS  
Kavita Kalsy, BPD  
Paula Barton, DOS  
Brant G. Petrick, FPKISC  
Judith Spencer, FPKISC  
Bob House, DOS