# PIV Authentication System Test Procedure

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## 1 Overview

Homeland Security Presidential Directive-12 (HSPD-12) - "Policy for a Common Identification Standard for Federal Employees and Contractors" directed the promulgation of a new Federal standard for a secure and reliable form of identification issued by all Federal Agencies to their employees and contractors.

In addition to derived test requirements developed to test conformance to the NIST standard, GSA has established interoperability and performance metrics to further determine product suitability. Vendors whose products and services are deemed to be conformant with NIST standards and the GSA interoperability and performance criteria will be eligible to sell their products and services to the Federal Government.

#### 1.1 Identification

This document provides the detailed test procedures that need to be executed by the Lab in order to evaluate a PIV Authentication System (henceforth referred to as the Product) against the subset of applicable requirements that need to be electronically tested for this category.

# 2 Testing Process

As previously mentioned, this document prescribes detailed test steps that need to be executed in order to test the requirements applicable for this category. Please note that conformance to the tests specified in this document will not result in the Product being compliant to the applicable requirements of FIPS 201. The Product must undergo an evaluation using all the evaluation criteria listed for that category prior to being deemed as compliant. Only products and services that have successfully completed the entire Approval Process will be designated as conformant to the Standard. To this effect, this document only provides details for the evaluation using the Lab Test Data Report approval mechanism.

A Lab Engineer follows the steps outlined below in order to test those requirements that have been identified to be electronically tested. The end result is a compilation of the observed behavior of the Product in the Lab Test Data Report.

Section 3 provides the test procedures that need to be executed for evaluating the Product as conformant to the requirements of FIPS 201.

# 3 Test Procedure for PIV Authentication System

# 3.1 Requirements

The following table provides a reference to the requirements that need to be electronically tested within the Lab as outlined in the Approval Procedures document for the Product. The different test cases that are used to check compliance to the requirements are cross-referenced in the table below.

Identifier #	<b>Requirement Description</b>	Source	Test Case #
PIV-AS.2	The Product shall be capable of performing an asymmetric cryptographic challenge/response with the PIV Card.	Derived	PIV-AS-TP.1
PIV-AS.4	The reader shall be able to provide the personal identification number (PIN) to the card to access the PIV Authentication Key stored on the PIV Card.	Derived	PIV-AS-TP.1
PIV-AS.5	Reader used shall include integrated PIN input device.	FIPS 201, Section 4.5.3	PIV-AS-TP.1
PIV-AS.6	The response signature is verified and standards-compliant (IETF X.509 path validation) PKI path validation is conducted. The related digital certificate is checked to ensure that it is from a trusted source. The revocation status of the certificate is checked to ensure current validity.	FIPS 201 Section 6.2.4	PIV-AS-TP.1
PIV-AS.7	All access control decisions are made by comparing the 14 decimal digit FASC-N Identifier, and optionally the values of additional FASC-N fields, against the ACL entries.	SP 800-116, Section 6.2	PIV-AS-TP.2

#### **Table 1 - Applicable Requirements**

## 3.2 Test Components

Table 2 provides the details of all the components required by the Lab to execute the test procedures for the Product. Based on the different test cases, different components may be required for execution. It is the responsibility of the vendor to provide all the components required to carryout required test procedures for their Product.

#	Component	<b>Component Details</b>	Identifier
1	PIV Authentication System <sup>1</sup>	-	PROD
2	A set of PIV Cards (6 Nos.)	Any FIPS 201 EP approved PIV Card.	PCARD

**Table 2 - Test Procedure: Components** 

#### 3.3 Test Cases

This section discusses the various test cases performed to check Product compliance to requirements outlined in the Approval Procedure for the Product. Vendors submitting Products may be required to demonstrate in the Lab<sup>2</sup> that the Product meets the requirements listed in Section 3.1.

Vendor shall be given one (1) Lab workday to demonstrate the Product's ability to meet test requirements. Upon completion, the Supplier is required to provide the results of testing for each requirement, which will be incorporated into the Lab Test Data Report.

#### 3.3.1 Test Case PIV-AS-TP.1

#### 3.3.1.1 Purpose

The purpose of this test is to verify that the Product:

- Has an integrated PIN input device within the Reader to be used to access the PIV Authentication Key
- Is capable of performing an asymmetric cryptographic challenge response with the PIV Card
- Is capable of conducting a standards-compliant PKI path validation<sup>3</sup> on the PIV Authentication certificate

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Prior to commencing testing, ensure that the Product has been setup and configured correctly. This includes setting of time parameters, configuration of appropriate access control permissions (based on FASC-N data elements), loading of PKI trust anchors for path validation (if applicable), configuration of algorithms etc.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> Suppliers can co-ordinate with the Lab to perform Product testing at the Supplier's facility.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> Trust validation implies building a certification path from the PIV Authentication certificate to a known Trust Anchor and determining its revocation status. This can be obtained in several ways including (i) performing standards-complaint path validation internally by the PROD, (ii) interfacing with an approved

## 3.3.1.2 Test Setup

Equipment:	The following components are necessary for executing this test case:  PCARD (4 Nos.)  PROD
Preparation:	<ul> <li>Populate PCARD-1 with a PIV Authentication certificate (corresponding private key) that has expired.</li> <li>Populate PCARD-2 with a PIV Authentication certificate (corresponding private key) that has been revoked.</li> <li>Populate PCARD-3 with a PIV Authentication certificate (corresponding private key) for which a certificate path cannot be built successfully (e.g. intermediate certificate revoked, certificate policy OID incorrect, or cannot chain to a valid configured trust anchor etc.).</li> <li>Populate PCARD-4<sup>4</sup> with a PIV Authentication certificate (corresponding private key) for which certificate path can be built successfully to a valid configured trust anchor.</li> <li>All other fields in the PIV Authentication certificate should be valid and in accordance to the Standard.</li> </ul>

## 3.3.1.3 Test Process

Test Steps:	<ol> <li>Using PCARD-1, attempt to perform the PIV authentication use case.</li> <li>Using PCARD-2, attempt to perform the PIV authentication use case.</li> <li>Using PCARD-3, attempt to perform the PIV authentication use case.</li> <li>Using PCARD-4, attempt to perform the PIV authentication use case.</li> <li>Verify that the tests were completed by reviewing the results on the PROD. Document observed results.</li> </ol>	
Expected Result(s):	The PCARD-1 was denied access because of an expired PIV authentication certificate. PCARD-2 was denied access because of a revoked certificate, and PCARD-3 was denied access because the path validation failed. The Product indicates a failure, returns an error and/or notifies the user of the error reason.  PCARD-4 was allowed access since the path validation completed successfully.	

certificate validator (an EP category), and (iii) interfacing with an approved cached status proxy (an EP category).

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>4</sup> It is assumed that the FASC-N contained in the PIV Authentication certificate has the appropriate values set so as to be granted access.

#### 3.3.2 Test Case PIV-AS-TP.2

## 3.3.2.1 Purpose

The purpose of this test is to verify that the Product is able to make an access control decision by comparing the 14 decimal digit FASC-N Identifier against the Product ACL entries.

## 3.3.2.2 Test Setup

Equipment:	The following components are necessary for executing this test case:  PCARD (2 Nos.)  PROD
Preparation	<ul> <li>Populate PCARD-1 with a PIV Authentication certificate that contains an invalid 14 digit FASC-N Identifier for which the PROD will not allow access.</li> <li>Populate PCARD-2 with a PIV Authentication certificate that contains a valid 14 digit FASC-N Identifier for which the PROD will allow access<sup>5</sup>.</li> </ul>

#### 3.3.2.3 Test Process

Test Steps:	<ol> <li>Using PCARD-1, attempt to perform the PIV authentication use case.</li> <li>Using PCARD-2, attempt to perform the PIV authentication use case.</li> <li>Verify that the tests were completed by reviewing the results on the PROD. Document observed results.</li> </ol>	
Expected Result(s):	The PCARD-1 was denied access because the FASC-N was not authorized for access. The Product indicates a failure, returns an error and/or notifies the user of the error reason.  PCARD-2 was granted access because of valid and authorized FASC-N within the PIV Authentication certificate.	

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>5</sup> This assumes that the PIV Authentication certificate is unexpired, not-revoked and can be validated to a Trust Anchor that is trusted by the PROD.