

# **Response to the Request for Comment on Notice of Inquiry Models for a Governance Structure for the National Strategy for Trusted Identities in Cyberspace**

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## **On the credentials of those serving on the NSTIC Steering Group**

The members of the NSTIC steering group shall have accepted industry certifications that pertain to the area of cyber security and privacy protection. The stakeholders will be much more accepting of policy that is driven from a group made up of experts in their field. The status of “expert” can only be declared by having sufficient industry experience and appropriate credentials from a trusted certifier.

## **On the personal protections of those serving on the Steering Group**

Congress shall introduce a bill providing members of the steering group with immunity from criminal and civil prosecution for any result of policies implemented by the steering group. If there is no such protection, then it would be very difficult to get the most capable people to fill the role.

## **On assembling and removing members of the Steering Group**

Members of the Steering Group shall be appointed by the office of the President of the United States. However, to provide a means of checks and balances, there shall be a mechanism by which members of the Steering Group can be removed from the position. Such means shall be initiated by private citizens, but shall provide the steering group member a means to defend themselves and their position. There shall be an independent party or group that will evaluate the claim and the defense and make the decision whether the steering group member should be removed.

## **On the most effective means of attaining early success**

The US Government or the steering group shall pick a single specific application that is expected to achieve significant positive benefit from the protections of the NSTIC and work closely with the stakeholders around that application to implement core segments of the NSTIC. The US Government must drive the adoption in this first application. Early successes and financial benefit will automatically drive additional market segments.