

Initial Establishment of the Steering Group

Because of the long-term nature required for the development of the Identity Ecosystem Framework and to ensure maximum participation of the Steering Group, the 21 members should be term limited to three-year staggered terms – with one-third of the membership rotating on an annual basis. Steering Group members can serve again after being off the Steering Group for at least one year.

Appointments will be made based on expressions of interest with efforts to provide as diverse a representation as possible. The initial Steering Group should be selected by the Department of Commerce based on interest. Consideration following consultations with the public, other relevant Government agencies, and Congress could be given to determine if a different selection process is desired. For the initial Steering Group, one third of the members should be appointed for three years, one-third for two years, and one-third for one year.

IBIA strongly recommends that the Steering Group include representatives of the enabling technologies, such as biometrics and encryption. This is important because these technologies will be key components of an Identity Ecosystem, and it is efficient and productive to include representatives of these industries at the outset.

IBIA is a non-profit trade association based in Washington DC USA that represents the collective interests of providers of technologies and solutions for identification and identity verification— including biometric technology providers – as well as identity infrastructure and solution providers, systems integrators, commercial and consumer end users, technology associations, standards associations, policy, academic and research institutions.

Best regards,



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