

Federal Public Key Infrastructure Steering Committee Meeting Minutes – August 27, 2001

Status on Application Funding from the FPKISC:

We have reviewed all agency proposals that were submitted and a letter to each agency's point-of-contact has been e-mailed. The letter states if your agency will receive any monies and if so how much. Your point-of-contact will also receive a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) template. This MOU is between the Chair of the Federal PKI Policy Authority and the funded agency. The MOU should be given to your agency's legal department. Language changes can be made to the MOU (approval is needed). Provide us with the proper signatures on the MOU and then return it to us. Health Care monies have to be signed off by September 30, 2001. If you need a copy of the MOU contact Rebecca Kahn (rebecca.kahn@gsa.gov).

The monies were dispersed as follows: the Treasury Department received \$125k (contingent on demonstrating an operational PKI), the Health Passport Project (GSA, VA, and Western Governors Association) received \$425k, GSA received \$125k, EPA received \$125k, SSA received \$100k, NASA received \$125k, DoS received \$100k (contingent on demonstrating an operational PKI), USPS received \$100k (contingent on demonstrating an operational PKI), and NFC received \$300k for cross certification with the Federal Bridge, NIH received \$123k for cross certification with the Higher Education Bridge, and VA/SSA received \$422k for electronic exchange of medical evidence.

Status on Electronic Records Management (ERM):

Art Purcell is in the process of establishing a PKI ERM working group. Judy has started an initiative to obligate funding to this working group for the next 2 years. Art will make sure the working group sends a funding request to the FPKISC.

Status on the Critical Infrastructure Protection Bilateral meeting in Australia:

At this conference, Judy gave a briefing on PKI and the Federal Bridge Certification Authority (FBCA).

Australia has what's called a "Gate Keeper" that certifies Certification Authorities (CA). This is becoming an industry standard in Australia. If a root CA is signed with a "Gate Keeper" then it can be trusted.

The FPKISC and our Australian counterparts will review each other's Certificate Policies (CP) for FBCA interoperability.

U.S. General Accounting Office (GAO) presentation by Chris Martin:

The GAO sanctioning process only reviews financial management systems. This sanctioning process is a constructive engagement (not an audit) which provides informal comments and provides a sanctioning formal letter whether or not GAO sanctions your system. GAO worked with NIST on a standardized approach. GAO reviews how your keys are generated, how they are linked to applicants (users), who has control of the CA

keys, if your FIPS-140 compliant, if your using NIST approved algorithms, makes sure critical policies & procedures have been documented, and verifies the Concept of Operations document describes your systems characteristics. So far, GAO has sanctioned 3 PKI systems.

Status on the Business Working Group (BWG):

The BWG PKI conference date has changed to November 29, 2001. More information pertaining to this conference can be found on the FPKISC web site:

<http://www.cio.gov/fpkisc/business/index.htm>.

The Evolving Federal Public Key Infrastructure booklets, Appendix A: Federal Agency PKI Efforts will be posted to the FPKISC web site so that federal agency contacts can update their status. A user form will be provided on the FPKISC web site to assist updating your agency's status in the near future.

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

The LPWG met on August 20, 2001 and the Department of Justice briefed the group on the Federal Tort Claims Act.

The LPWG will review the PKI Assessment Guidelines (PAG) document and provide comments to the FPKISC for submittal.

The next LPWG meeting will be scheduled for the October 2001 timeframe. Meeting details will be posted to the FPKISC web site:

<http://www.cio.gov/fpkisc/legal-policy/index.htm>.

Status on the Health Care Working Group (HCWG):

The Health Care PKI Conference that was scheduled for September 12, 2001 has been cancelled. Rescheduling details will be posted to the FPKISC web site:

<http://www.cio.gov/fpkisc/healthcare/index.htm>.

Status on the State Interoperability Working Group:

This group will meet again in the September/October 2001 timeframe.

The following states want to cross-certify with the FBCA: Illinois, New Jersey, and Washington. Each of these states implement different PKI vendor solutions.

The state of Maryland and the state of Virginia have expressed an interest in meeting with the FPKISC. More details to follow.

Judy will be meeting with representatives from the state of Pennsylvania to discuss cross certification with the FBCA.

Next Meeting:

The next meeting has been scheduled for September 24, 2001. Located at GSA/Central Office, 1800 F Street, NW, Room 5141B from 9:30 a.m. until 11:30 a.m.

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