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MEMORANDUM FOR HEADS OF DEPARTMENT COMPONENTS

FROM: Vance Hitch
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SUBJECT: HSPD-12 Common Identification Standard - Data Call

On August 27, 2004, President Bush released Homeland Security Presidential Directive 12 (HSPD-12): *Policy for a Common Identification Standard for Federal Employees and Contractors*. This directive will establish “a mandatory, Government-wide standard for secure and reliable forms of identification issued by the Federal Government to its employees and contractors (including contractor employees).” The directive is available for review at <http://www.whitehouse.gov/news/releases/2004/08/20040827-8.html> . The Office of the CIO and Security Emergency Planning Staff will lead the DOJ strategy and plans for compliance with HSPD-12 and the associated Personal Identity Verification (PIV) standard. The purpose of this email is to solicit your immediate comment and advise you of our plans for additional near term requests for information.

The Secretary of Commerce will promulgate a new standard not later than February 2005. The National Institute of Standards and Technology (NIST) has lead responsibility for developing the PIV Standard, currently available in draft (The PIV Standard and its supporting Special Publication 800-73 (SP 800-73), Integrated Circuit Card for Personal Identity Verification on November 8, 2004. <http://csrc.nist.gov/piv-project/fips201-support-docs.html>)

Agencies will be required to have a program in place not later than June 2005. Not later than October 2005 “the heads of executive departments and agencies shall, to the maximum extent practicable, require the use of identification by Federal employees and contractors that meets the Standard in gaining physical access to Federally controlled

facilities and logical access to Federally controlled information systems.”

DOJ representatives are currently working with the appropriate Federal agencies, committees and working groups to provide comments and feedback in several important areas where we believe the initial direction and drafts should be reexamined or refined to better meet DOJ requirements and existing operations. Previous HSPD-12 workshops have generated significant comment from the Government and vendor communities that are being reviewed and incorporated into subsequent releases of the standard and potentially the HSPD-12 schedule. DOJ’s high-level response will include the following:

- Procedures and functional models included within the standard must be practical and should not place undue burden on DOJ for migration to the Common Identification Standard,
- Identity card characteristics for mandatory elements should visually differentiate, employees and contractors and should not include any DOJ agency identifier,
- Identity card non-mandatory elements should be standardized to the degree practical and should be discouraged from performing critical access control function for a government controlled facility or federally controlled information system,
- Building access technology standardization solutions must be readily available in the market within the required timeline and should limit reinvestment in existing infrastructures, and
- Biometric standards and the integration with existing systems must be clarified and consistently defined within the PIV standard.

Please review and distribute within your component, as appropriate. If you have additional areas of concern or comment please send by COB, December 22, 2004, to Carolyn Merek, DOJ Enterprise PKI PMO, carolyn.v.merek@usdoj.gov [<mailto:carolyn.v.merek@usdoj.gov>](mailto:carolyn.v.merek@usdoj.gov) . If you require clarification or have other questions, contact Carolyn Merek on 202-353-2049. Thank you for your cooperation.