LIBERTY E-GOVERNMENT SIG CHARTER

**Group:** Cross organizational, vertically focused

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1. **Description**

The eGovernment SIG is responsible for:

- Facilitating collaboration and discussion among Liberty members with an interest in eGovernment identity management applications and services
- Acting as a forum to discuss best practices by government organizations on national, regional and municipal levels.

2. **Scope**

The eGovernment SIG is chartered to:

- Provide Liberty with subject matter expertise with respect to government-related requirements, challenges and work areas
- Provide an information sharing and feedback forum for all Liberty members with an interest in eGovernment, and to communicate core findings and concerns of the SIG to the relevant Liberty Alliance organizational entities (Expert/Services Groups, Management Board, Liberty staff)
- Where appropriate, take part in the identification, planning, execution and follow-up of Government-focused industry events
- Where appropriate, recommend liaison relationships for Liberty that will further adoption and deployment of Liberty solutions
- To provide Liberty with spokespersons on eGovernment-related topics related to the Liberty agenda.

3. **Goals & Work Items**

- Discuss challenges associated with building Circles of Trust – for citizens, between agencies, and between governments. This includes:
  - Which agreements are needed between federation partners - How to validate that partners adhere to the agreements etc
o Documentation of eGov Use Cases requiring federation – Identify obstacles and opportunities in a world with non-interoperable federation standards, and discuss ways to move towards convergence of federation standards.

- Share solutions and/or technical approaches to avoid ‘reinventing the wheel’ and to drive adoption of standards-based identity management mechanisms in government on a global basis.

- Contribute to development of the Deployment Guidelines document, based on best practices shared in the SIG.

- Identification of and agreement upon common identity attributes that need to be profiled across governments.

- Discussion around Identity Providers and Identity Brokers – recognizing that cooperation between public and private sectors and development of commercial services will contribute to adoption of successful authentication and eGovernment programs.
  
  o Including: Description of different Business Models for Federation - Discuss pros and cons
  
  o Acknowledging that in certain countries, Identity Providers cannot be private parties, and the discussion in these cases will include Identity Providers, Service Providers and organizations managing identity in private sectors.

- Work to identify and agree upon two to three SAML deployment profiles (i.e. a constraint of SAML v 2.0), recognizing that pertinent privacy legislation drives policy, with subsequent technical architecture to arrive at an applicable SAML deployment profile.

4. **Criteria for Success**

- Sufficient participation from both Sponsor and Associate/Affiliate members.

- Improved information sharing on eGovernment topics throughout Liberty Alliance.

- New content on Liberty website that reflects input and expertise of eGovernment SIG.

- Participation in Liberty User Group (once launched).

- Be mindful of successes/failures of similar groups – learn from prior activities.
5. **Duration**

The eGovernment SIG will be chartered by the Liberty Management Board for two years. It may be amended from time to time. This charter will expire on June 1, 2008.

6. **Resource Requirements**

The SIG requires the following support from the Liberty organization:

- Mail lists established, with archives, on the All Members pages.
- eGov SIG pages established on the Liberty Wiki
- Globally available conference call facilities, with dedicated conference call number with all participant access
- Ability to delegate tasks to appointed Program Management office including, but not limited to, management of mail lists, registration/retirement of participants, arrangement of conference call facilities for external and internal use
- Support from Program Management, other Liberty staff, and external contractors for content creation, maintenance, publication and distribution of SIG materials. Support for PR activities, analyst relations, developer activities and events management
- Support from Liberty Management to co-ordinate cross-organizational activities.

Active sponsor member participants (at least represented by three member organizations) in the SIG are expected to:

- Drive and actively participate in e-mail discussions, teleconferences, and eGovernment-related events
- Collaborate and provide eGovernment expertise to other Liberty entities as requested.

7. **SIG meetings**

The eGovernment SIG will primarily communicate using e-mailing lists and conference calls. A SIG Web page will be created on the member intranet. Face-to-Face meetings will be held from time to time as determined by the SIG Chair in consultation with Liberty management.
8. Memberships

Membership of eGovernment SIG requires active participation of at least three (3) Liberty member organizations. All members are invited to participate in all communication and activities.

9. Founding members

Founding member organizations committed to drive the eGovernment SIG during 2006-07 include (list will grow before charter is final):

- French Government (Ministry of Finance & Industry)
- United States Government (General Services Administration)
- Denmark Government (Ministry of Science, Technology & Innovation)
- Finland National Board of Taxes
- Sunderland City Council (UK)
- New Zealand Government (State Services Commission)
- The Boeing Company
- Bank of America
- Sun Microsystems