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# LIBERTY E-GOVERNMENT SIG CHARTER

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**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

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- 32           o Documentation of eGov Use Cases requiring federation – Identify  
33           obstacles and opportunities in a world with non-interoperable  
34           federation standards, and discuss ways to move towards  
35           convergence of federation standards.
- 36           • Share solutions and/or technical approaches to avoid ‘reinventing the  
37           wheel’ and to drive adoption of standards-based identity management  
38           mechanisms in government on a global basis
- 39           • Contribute to development of the Deployment Guidelines document,  
40           based on best practices shared in the SIG
- 41           • Identification of and agreement upon common identity attributes that need  
42           to be profiled across governments
- 43           • Discussion around Identity Providers and Identity Brokers – recognizing  
44           that cooperation between public and private sectors and development of  
45           commercial services will contribute to adoption of successful  
46           authentication and eGovernment programs
- 47           o Including: Description of different Business Models for Federation -  
48           Discuss pros and cons
- 49           o Acknowledging that in certain countries, Identity Providers cannot  
50           be private parties, and the discussion in these cases will include  
51           Identity Providers, Service Providers and organizations managing  
52           identity in private sectors.
- 53           • Work to identify and agree upon two to three SAML deployment profiles  
54           (i.e. a constraint of SAML v 2.0), recognizing that pertinent privacy  
55           legislation drives policy, with subsequent technical architecture to arrive at  
56           an applicable SAML deployment profile.

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58   **4. Criteria for Success**

- 59           • Sufficient participation from both Sponsor and Associate/Affiliate  
60           members.
- 61           • Improved information sharing on eGovernment topics throughout Liberty  
62           Alliance
- 63           • New content on Liberty website that reflects input and expertise of  
64           eGovernment SIG
- 65           • Participation in Liberty User Group (once launched)
- 66           • Be mindful of successes/failures of similar groups – learn from prior  
67           activities.

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68 **5. Duration**

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

72 **6. Resource Requirements**

73 The SIG requires the following support from the Liberty organization:

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

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

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

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95 **7. SIG meetings**

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

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101 **8. Memberships**

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

105 **9. Founding members**

106 Founding member organizations committed to drive the eGovernment SIG during  
107 2006-07 include (list will grow before charter is final):

- 108 • **French Government (Ministry of Finance & Industry)**
- 109 • **United States Government (General Services Administration)**
- 110 • **Denmark Government (Ministry of Science, Technology &**  
111 **Innovation)**
- 112 • **Finland National Board of Taxes**
- 113 • **Sunderland City Council (UK)**
- 114 • **New Zealand Government (State Services Commission)**
- 115 • **The Boeing Company**
- 116 • **Bank of America**
- 117 • **Sun Microsystems**