

It is critically important to include those who have broad experience in implementing FIPS 201 and the PIV Program, especially since the federal government has announced that PIV is the basis of the federal government's participation. The desired experience should extend to deployment of end to end solutions in public and private sectors. This experience cannot be theoretical, but must have the market dynamics of cost competitiveness, privacy sensitivity, and operational efficiency. Further, an intimacy with domestic and international standards, particularly NIST standards, is essential.

I recommend that the Security Industry Association based Alexandria, VA be included in the steering committee at least as part of a body of industry organizations. The Security Industry Association is comprised of manufacturers, systems integrators, consultants, and industry professionals committed to the growth and service of the security industry with emphasis on the physical security sector. Interestingly enough, it is the physical security sector that has seen some of the greatest deployments of the PIV card. The members of the Security Industry Association are heavily multinational and their customers are multinational, so the experience base is not limited to the geography of the US, just as cyberspace is not limited to the geography of the US.

The Security Industry Association is an ANSI Standards Development Organization and some of their standards are referenced in PIV publications, such as ICAM.

The Security Industry Association has often provided input to NIST and the GSA Evaluation Program. The input has not always been accepted as it has often been focused on practicality, but there has always been open healthy communications.

I hope you will consider the Security Industry Association as part of your steering committee representing industry perspectives.

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