TO: Policy Authority Cross-Certified Partners
FROM: Dr. Peter Alterman, Chair
SUBJECT: Reformatting Entity CP’s into RFC 3647 Format
DATE: November 14, 2006

Issue:
The membership of the Federal PKI Policy Authority is requested to update and reformat
the Enterprise PKI Certificate Policies of the cross-certified Certification Authorities to
RFC 3647 format.

Background
In November 2003, the Internet Society released RFC 3647, Internet X.509 Public Key
Infrastructure Certificate Policy and Certification Practices Framework, which updates
and supersedes RFC 2527. The Federal Bridge Certificate Policy was reformatted to
comply with RFC3647 and accepted by the Policy Authority on September 13, 2005. In
addition to reformating the Certificate Policy, several specific changes were included to
better align the policy with other government-wide initiatives, most notably E-
Authentication and HSPD12.

Recommendation
It is recommended that all entities cross certified with the FBCA reformat current policies
to RFC 3647 format within one year of this memorandum and review text to ensure
continued comparability with the FBCA Certificate Policy. Each agency is asked to
complete the appropriate mapping matrices for the level(s) of assurance for which they
are/wish to be cross certified with the Federal Bridge. Reformatting should be
accomplished to coincide with the annual audit of the Certification Authority. The
annual audit will take into account the reformatted policy and ensure the Certificate
Practices Statement and operations are in compliance. Upon receipt of reformatted
Certificate Policies, audit letter, and completed mapping matrices, the Certificate Policy
Working Group will review the documentation and provide feedback to the agency on
any discrepancies. This activity will be completed by October 31, 2007.

Action:
All entities cross certified with the FBCA should respond to the Chair, Federal PKI
Policy Authority concerning plans to reformat their Certificate Policies to RFC 3647
format and timeframes for completion. Agency responses are requested January 13, 2007.