

Authorization to Operate Letter



U.S. General Services Administration

MEMORANDUM FOR Cheryl Jenkins  
System Owner

FROM: Dan Pomeroy  
Authorizing Official

THRU: Bo Berlas  
Chief Information Security Officer

THRU: Joseph Hoyt  
Information System Security Manager

SUBJECT: Extension for Digicert Shared Service Provider Public Key Infrastructure (PKI)

SYSTEM TYPE: Contractor System

DATE: June 4, 2019

A Security Assessment of Digicert Shared Service Provider Public Key Infrastructure (PKI) was conducted at the Federal Information Processing Standards (FIPS) 199 Moderate Impact level in accordance with National Institute of Standards and Technology (NIST) Special Publication 800-37 Revision 1, *“Guide for Applying the Risk Management Framework to Federal Information Systems”*, and General Services Administration (GSA) IT Security Procedural Guide CIO-IT Security-06-30, *“Managing Enterprise Risk”*.

The system has been assessed by Datalock using the assessment methods and procedures required by the system’s assessment process as described in CIO-IT Security-6-30 to determine the level of risk associated with operating the system and the effectiveness of the system’s security controls in satisfying the security requirements of the system. A Plan of Action and Milestones (POA&M) has been developed describing the corrective measures implemented or planned to address any deficiencies in the security controls for the information system and to reduce or eliminate known vulnerabilities

Based on the level of risk described in the results of Digicert Shared Service Provider Public Key Infrastructure (PKI)’s security assessment and the planned actions in its POA&M, I recommend authorization of the Digicert Shared Service Provider Public Key Infrastructure (PKI) information system until October 15th, 2019.

**RECOMMEND AUTHORIZATION:**

6/4/2019

X Joseph Hoyt

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Joseph Hoyt  
Information System Security Manager  
Signed by: JOSEPH HOYT

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After reviewing the results of the security assessment, and the supporting evidence provided in the security authorization package, I have determined the risk to GSA's Federal systems, data, and/or assets resulting from the operation of the information system are acceptable.

Accordingly, I am issuing an Authorization to Operate (ATO) for the Digicert Shared Service Provider Public Key Infrastructure (PKI) information system in its current environment and configuration. This authorization is valid until October 15th, 2019 from the Authorizing Official's signature on this letter or until a significant change in the system or threat/risk environment, as described in CIO-IT Security 06-30, necessitates re-assessment and re-authorization. This security authorization is my formal declaration that adequate security controls have been implemented in the information system and that a satisfactory level of security is present in the system. This authorization has the following conditions:

1. Digicert will resolve GSA Security Engineering comments and receive architecture approval by 7/18/2019.
2. Digicert will conduct authenticated full vulnerability and compliance scans on all assets within the inventory and provide report monthly.
3. Digicert will conduct authenticated application scans and provide report monthly.
4. Digicert will remediate all critical and high scan findings within thirty (30) days.
5. Digicert will finalize the Assessment & Authorization Package to include SAR, POA&M, Test Cases and Artifacts for the MPKI 8 Platform by 9/01/2019.
6. Implementation of multi-factor authentication (MFA) for unprivileged user; MFA shall align with the Digital Identity Acceptance Statement and NIST 800-63 part B requirements for MFA.

**APPROVED:**

6/4/2019

**X** Dan Pomeroy

Dan Pomeroy  
Authorizing Official  
Signed by: DANIEL POMEROY

**CONCURRENCE:**

6/4/2019

**X** Man Lau for CISO

Bo Berlas  
Chief Information Security Officer  
Signed by: MAN LAU

Copies of the authorization package are available for review at the GSA facilities in the Washington, D.C. metropolitan area. If you have any questions or comments regarding this authorization to operate, please contact Man Lau, Director ISSO Support Division (IST) by email at [man.lau@gsa.gov](mailto:man.lau@gsa.gov) or phone (202) 219-7982.