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Subject: Establishment of Liaison Relationship

Dr. Barbir and Mr. Thibeau:

The OASIS Biometrics TC would like to request the establishment of a liaison relationship between ourselves and the OASIS Electronic Credential Trust Elevation Methods (Trust Elevation) TC.

We would like to start off by providing some background on the Biometrics TC and its goals. In 2005, a collaborative project between INCITS and OASIS was initiated to develop a standard in the area of Biometric Identity Assurance Services (BIAS). The intent of BIAS is to provide a common method of remotely invoking biometric operations over a services-based framework. BIAS is meant to be biometric modality/technology and application/domain independent. It defines generic biometric services and does not define a mechanism for their integration into authentication protocols. The OASIS BIAS project became an official OASIS Standard in May of 2012.

To broaden the scope of the biometrics work being performed in OASIS, it was decided to create a new TC which acted as a venue for projects that synergize web services a biometrics. This TC will start off by developing WS-Biometric Devices, a specification for command and control of biometric sensors through RESTful web services. Also, any further development or related projects to the OASIS BIAS Standard will be done so in the OASIS Biometrics TC.

It is not the TC's intention to duplicate any work being performed in related committees of other standards development organizations, but rather leverage and reuse such work. This liaison relationship between ourselves and the Trust Elevation TC will allow for communication between committees to ensure adequate knowledge transfer and conversations/discussions as well as providing the opportunity for us to offer our expertise, which may be of value to ongoing projects.

We are nominating Anne Wang from 3M Cogent to act as our liaison. She is very active in other standards development organizations: ISO/IEC JTC 1 SC 37 and INCITS M1 (both biometrics focused).

We appreciate your favorable consideration of our request.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Kevin Mangold". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal flourish at the end.

Kevin Mangold  
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