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AAMVA and Partners Receive NSTIC Award to Enhance Online Identity Security

Funding Will Help Create System for Trusted Online Identities

The American Association of Motor Vehicle Administrators (AAMVA), leading a consortium of private industry and governmental partners, has been awarded federal funding from the National Institute of Standards and Technology (NIST), United States Department of Commerce (DoC) for the Cross-Sector Digital Identity Initiative (CSDII) Pilot Effort. The grant comes from the National Strategy for Trusted Identities in Cyberspace (NSTIC) Pilot Grant Program. The award will allow AAMVA along with its CSDII consortium partners to create and pilot a secure online identity ecosystem that will lead to safer online transactions by enhancing privacy and reducing the risk of fraud in online commerce.

"AAMVA and its members recognize the value in improving secure online transactions and we look forward to having a significant role in raising confidence that people are in fact who they claim to be online," said Neil Schuster, AAMVA President and CEO. "AAMVA understands the need of numerous legitimate businesses, both public and private, to verify the user's ID. With the driver's license increasingly becoming the de facto identity document, AAMVA and our members are in a unique position to help move down the road of achieving the goals of NSTIC, enabling access to verify information that hasn't historically been readily available, and providing for the migration of transactions out of the office to online delivery channels. The move to online services offers a key opportunity for both cost reduction and improved citizen experience."

To accomplish this, CSDII's work will center on satisfying NSTIC's four guiding principles:

- Solution will be privacy-enhancing and voluntary
- Solution will be secure and resilient
- Solution will be interoperable
- Solution will be cost-effective and easy to use.

To build a system that will satisfy the above-mentioned principles, the CSDII pilot participants bring together industry leading organizations and professionals from both public and private sectors with extensive experience in all facets of identity management who are passionate about strengthening privacy protection in cyberspace. In addition to AAMVA, the CSDII pilot participants include the

Commonwealth of Virginia Department of Motor Vehicles, Biometric Signature ID, CA Technologies, Microsoft, and AT&T.

“Increasing confidence in online transactions fosters innovation and economic growth,” said Under Secretary of Commerce for Standards and Technology and NIST Director Patrick Gallagher. “These investments in the development of identity solutions will help protect our citizens from identity theft and other types of fraud, while helping our businesses, especially small businesses, reduce their costs.”

For more information on CSDII’s pilot effort, please contact Claire O’Brien (cobrien@aamva.org / +1.703.908.2955)

For more information about NSTIC, please visit: <http://www.nist.gov/nstic/>

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