

WHO ARE YOU?

Can you prove I can trust you?

Are your credentials valid?

Who issued your credential?

How do I know your credential has not been revoked?

Have your credentials been compromised?

Who took your photograph?

Who captured your fingerprints?

Where is your information stored?

Did your employer vouch for you?

Is your employer trustworthy?

Has your employer been compromised?

The Federation for Identity and Cross-Credentialing Systems (FiXs) enables personnel at participating Department of Defense (DoD), government, and government-affiliated facilities to verify and authenticate contractors and private sector employees through the interoperable FiXs network. Likewise, contractor and private sector employers can verify and authenticate other industry, federal, and DoD/government employees at facilities participating in FiXs and the Defense Cross-Credentialing Identification System (DCCIS). Approved organizations can join the network and participate by agreeing to comply with the FiXs Federation Policies and Operating Rules.



About FiXs

FiXs is a coalition of government contractors, commercial companies, and not-for-profit organizations whose mission is to establish and maintain a worldwide, interoperable identity and cross-credentialing network built on security, privacy, trust, standard operating rules, policies and technical standards. The FiXs network verifies and authenticates the identity of personnel seeking to enter military installations, government-controlled areas and commercial sites tied to the network, providing a trusted mechanism for federated identity infrastructure within and between public and private sector organizations.

The FiXs network is an authorized link to the U.S. Defense Cross-Credentialing Identification System (DCCIS) and a joint recipient of the 2005 FCW Events Government Solution Center Pioneer Award for most "Successful Public/Private Sector Partnership," representing a premier example of a program managed collaboratively by government and non-government partners that tangibly improved government operations.

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The FiXs Federation Promotes TRUST, PRIVACY, PROTECTION

TRUST

- Helps keep risks out while letting business in
- Defines the rights, responsibilities, and relationships among organizations
- Binds participants to a chain-of-trust via a multi-party contract that incorporates:
 - A Trust Model
 - A Policy Statement
 - Operating Rules
 - Technical Architecture and Specifications
- Establishes uniform requirements subject to audit:
 - Validating an employee's need for a credential
 - Verifying an applicant's identity (vetting/identity proofing)
 - Enrolling the applicant in the system
 - Issuing the employee a credential

PRIVACY

- Eliminates the need for a central database (in a federated environment) – employee information is maintained by employer
- Makes it unnecessary for business partners to maintain information about each others' employees
- Protects employee data with biometrics
- Reduces the human-readable information printed on a badge
- Reduces the number of times employees are vetted

PROTECTION

- Replaces current “flash pass” (visual identification) systems
- Uses secure electronic authentication including biometrics
- Uses current and proven technology
- Limits enrollment in the system to uniformly vetted employees (and employers)
- Secures access to agency/company assets
- Provides timely revocation of credentials

FiXs FEDERATION ADVANTAGES

- Minimizes costs – government and industry share the costs of identity management and protection
- Promotes efficiency through:
 - Interoperability: a FiXs credential can be used within an organization and externally
 - Reduced development and implementation costs
 - Lower training costs for employees due to process uniformity
 - Reduced redundancy in identity administration
- Promotes system interoperability for physical and logical access
- Leverages industry standards, including NIST, ISO, FIPS, and TCG
- Keeps access decisions at the local level
- Encourages order in disjointed and chaotic processes by providing a common framework for:
 - Rules development and maintenance
 - Governance and oversight
 - Operations
 - Enforcement

BENEFITS FOR STAKEHOLDERS

- Enhances security:
 - Raises the bar on identity proofing
 - Binds a person's identity to biometrics, background information, and documentation
 - Standardizes security requirements
 - Requires uniform administration of credentialing processes and systems
- Maintains consistency with Federal Government e-Authentication Model:
 - Should not need multiple credentials to do business
 - Disparate systems can communicate with one another
- Facilitates compliance with regulatory requirements
- Increases convenience and efficiency for employees who travel to multiple government or contractor facilities
- Helps ensure that employees:
 - Do not need to carry multiple badges
 - Do not have to keep a variety of badges up-to-date
 - Only need to be vetted once
 - Spend less time waiting to gain access
- Currently aligns with FIPS 201, PIV-I requirements



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