

## **Internet2 Industry Program Catalyst Program: Project Outline**

The goal of the Catalyst Program is to identify those companies providing Identity and Access Management (IAM) consulting, services, and products that will provide guidance and active assistance to Research and Education in adopting IAM best practices, support the advancement of federated identity management, and support and simplify the deployment of identity and access management.

For 2015-2016, this program is scoped to supporting Trust and Identity partners that were previously engaged with the InCommon Affiliates Program and will offer two ways to integrate into the I2 Industry Program:

1. Those with cloud IAM-related services can join NET+ and follow the prescribed path for moving to General Availability. Longer term, NET+ may want to investigate offering a NET+ Support Provider/Cloud Proud Portfolio. This is out of scope for this project.
2. All Trust and Identity partners – including cloud providers, consultants, and those offering other non-cloud IAM-related services – can join the proposed Catalyst Program. This is the primary focus of this project.

This program will provide IAM service and product providers the opportunity to be identified as Trust and Identity Catalysts, provided they support good practices, have at least two recommendations from the community, and have demonstrated success in providing services and products that assist others in the support of identity and access management (in particular, with federated identity management).

Trust and Identity Catalysts will:

- Support both higher education and corporate clients with their federated identity and access plans and deployments, enabling these clients to participate in NET+, InCommon, or TIER
- Accelerate the community's ability to deploy identity and access management solutions
- Support best practices associated with federated identity management
- Provide consulting and support in concert with the TIER infrastructure

The successful development of the Trust and Identity Catalyst Program will provide a model for the Internet2 Industry Program to deploy in conjunction other areas of Internet2.

### **Requirements to Participate**

Catalyst Program candidates will:

- Identify software or services to be included in the program

- Demonstrate successful testing of the software or service using the T&I Catalyst testing program
- Publish self-attestation for support of any requirements that the Catalyst program is not able to test (note: the self-attestation criteria and process will be developed during 2016. During the 2016 year, consultants can participate as a Catalyst by providing a letter stating that they comply with the baseline practices developed by the InCommon TAC)
- Provide letters of recommendations from two InCommon participants testifying that the candidate Catalyst is a “good community citizen”
- Sign an agreement regarding the use of the Catalyst logo
- Attend one Catalyst education session
- Be in good standing with the Internet2 Industry Program

Annual requirements to maintain Catalyst status include:

- Test and verify that the identified products and services support any new requirements
- Attend training
- Refresh the self-attestation to support any new requirements that can't be tested
- Remain in good standing as members in the I2 Industry Program