Working Group Mission and Goals

The Streamlining SP Onboarding Working Group will identify and document standards for Service Provider operation within the InCommon Federation using the CIC Cloud Services Cookbook as a starting point. Having standards available that help SPs onboard will add to the value proposition for SPs in the InCommon Federation and reduce variance in configuration and increase interoperability.

The target audience for the working group is organizations that are running, or want to run, an SP. The standards will apply to both education and research SPs and vendor (commercial) SPs. It is important that working group members be aware that most Service Providers in the Federation, whether noncommercial or commercial, support the mission of research and scholarship.

The working group will not redo work that the community has already contributed. It will augment the existing profiles by integrating similar information into the standards that it produces.

The goals of the working group are to:

1. Increase the clarity for organizations running SPs on what it means to federate in InCommon
2. Provide suggestions for how organizations can verify their SP configurations
3. Reduce the burden on Identity Provider Organizations to communicate the requirements

Charter

Working Group Charter

Membership

The Chair of the Working Group will be appointed by the InCommon Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) and is responsible for providing it with updates on the progress of the work. Participation in the working group is open to all who are interested, including organizations running IdPs and/or SPs.

Deliverables

1. Define a standard set of technical vocabulary to aid in the understanding of the configuration standards
2. Identify Service Provider implementation criteria using the CIC Cloud Services Cookbook
3. Document SP configuration standards including basic and optional levels that meet the requirements defined and scoped in the charter

End Date

The tentative end date of the Streamlining SP Onboarding Working Group is late November to mid-December 2017.

See Also

Community Consultation on Working Group Report (closed May 28, 2018)

Internet2 Blog Post: Streamlining Service Provider Onboarding: Criteria, Interactive Guidance, and More!