

# InCommon Newsletter - November 2010

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### InCommon Serves 5 Million on U.S. Campuses

The InCommon Federation has achieved a milestone - its community now includes more than 5 million end users. The federation has 259 participating organizations - an increase of 30 percent since January 1 - including colleges and universities, research labs, agencies of the U.S. government, and private companies that offer web-based resources and services. See the full story at <https://spaces.at.internet2.edu/x/EAMFAQ>

### Library Collaboration Recommends Shibboleth/EZproxy Hybrid

The InCommon Library Collaboration has released its recommendation for libraries that wish to move away from IP-based access to protected resources and have more fine-grain control of access. The collaboration has recommended a Shibboleth/EZproxy hybrid and has developed a number of resources for libraries to use to explore this option. Details are available at [www.incommon.org/library](http://www.incommon.org/library)

### Making the Case to Service Providers

InCommon has just released a web page designed to make the value proposition for service providers, including cost savings, standardizing interactions with clients, improved security and privacy, and simplified operations. The page also includes links to additional resources of interest to service providers. Feedback is always welcome, including recommendations for additional resources or reasons for joining (email [incommon-info@incommon.org](mailto:incommon-info@incommon.org)). See the page at [www.incommon.org/partners](http://www.incommon.org/partners).

A new related page also collects information of use for higher education institutions working with vendors, including sample language for RFPs and contracts, is at [http://www.incommonfederation.org/partners/working\\_sp.html](http://www.incommonfederation.org/partners/working_sp.html)

### InCommon Expands Accreditation Options

A greater diversity of colleges and universities are eligible to join the InCommon Federation and benefit from single sign-on secure access to dozens of third-party services. InCommon has announced that it now recognizes accreditation from a much larger range of accreditation agencies - all recognized by the U.S. Department of Education. For details, visit <https://spaces.at.internet2.edu/x/xlb8>

### Cert Service Attracts 64 Campuses

The InCommon Cert Service has 64 subscribing campuses, as of October 31, 2010. The service provides unlimited SSL certs and, soon, will offer unlimited personal certs. Details are available at [www.incommon.org/cert](http://www.incommon.org/cert)

### Shibboleth Workshop Series November 9-10

The Shibboleth Workshop Series will offer one-day training sessions for installing, configuring, and running the identity provider and service provider packages. The IdP training will take place November 9, with the SP training on November 10. Both sessions will take place at Lafayette College in Easton, Pennsylvania. For details, including technical requirements and costs, visit [www.incommon.org/educate/shibboleth](http://www.incommon.org/educate/shibboleth).

### New Participants in October

InCommon added eight participants in September and now has 259 participants (up from 199 at the beginning of 2010). These are the participants that joined in October.

#### Higher Education

- Boise State University ([www.boisestate.edu](http://www.boisestate.edu))
- Florida International University ([www.fiu.edu](http://www.fiu.edu))
- Fort Lewis College ([explore.fortlewis.edu](http://explore.fortlewis.edu))
- Ohio Northern University ([www.onu.edu](http://www.onu.edu))
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