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Seven InCommon Affiliates have renewed their participation in the program for 2013. The InCommon Affiliate Program connects higher education institutions and their partners with organizations that provide implementation and integration products or services related to identity and access management.

Current affiliates provide a number of services, including:

- consulting on identity management, federated identity management, and identity assurance
- general software services
- hosted and managed identity management and federation services

"The Affiliate Program has proven to be very beneficial to InCommon, particularly as we expand the range of institutions that participate," according to Jack Suss, chair of the InCommon Steering Committee and vice president for information technology at the University of Maryland, Baltimore County. "The consulting, software, and managed/hosted services provided by the various affiliates are key to the growth of InCommon."

The 2013 affiliates include Aegis Identity, Dell Software Services, Fischer International, Gluu, Microsoft, Unicon, and VivanTech. Below is a brief summary of each affiliate's expertise. For more details, visit www.incommon.org/affiliates

Aegis Identity Software offerings include TridentHE, an identity management platform developed specifically for higher education. TridentHE automates provisioning and de-provisioning, identity synchronization, password management and user self-service. www.aegisidentity.com

Dell Software Services offers Quest One Identity Solutions significantly reduces administrative costs and IT burdens through automation and comprehensive end-user self-service capabilities. Quest One addresses real-world enterprise identity and access management needs. www.quest.com/identity-management

Fischer International's award-winning identity management solution includes its "Federation On-Ramp," a low-cost, managed solution that provides institutions with an immediate entryway to the InCommon Federation and without having to dedicate or hire skilled resources to deploy and manage a federation infrastructure. www.fischerinternational.com

Gluu's Federated Identity Appliance, based on Shibboleth and identity virtualization, is an on-premise solution monitored 24x7 and supported by Gluu. The Appliance can be deployed as on-premise hardware or a cloud VM instance. www.gluu.org

Microsoft's identity and access management solution is built on Active Directory, a directory service in Windows Server, and also includes a number of technologies and services, including Active Directory Federation Services. Microsoft is the worldwide leader in software, services and solutions that help people and businesses realize their full potential. www.microsoft.com

Unicon provides services and support for open source solutions. The company's experienced, highly skilled experts supply architectural knowledge, deep technical skills, and best practice expertise to ensure successful deployments of Shibboleth. www.unicon.net

VivánTech provides strategic consulting, software-related services, and project management to the higher education community. Its unique offerings include enterprise software strategy, secure mobile applications for enterprise systems, workflow automation solutions with graphical front-ends, cloud solutions and others. www.vivantech.com