Background on Version 1.1

The InCommon Identity Assurance 1.0 document set published in 2008 was largely based on the no-longer-extant US federal government eAuthentication Credential Assessment Framework. The federal government's requirements and priorities have since changed. New materials regarding electronic authentication and trust frameworks were published by the government's Identity, Credential and Access Management (ICAM) initiative in 2009.

In addition, a group of early-adopter campuses has been working through the assessment process of the Silver Assurance Profile and developed a number of questions and recommendations, including important contributions from both IT and Audit staff.

Together these developments created strong motivation to simplify and clarify the InCommon Identity Assurance documents while retaining their basic structure and intent. Both government requirements and real-world assessment experience from campuses have been incorporated.

Version 1.1 Review Process

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