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International Audience to Explore Security Challenges for Transparent Government at OASIS Identity Management Forum

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As national and international governments endeavor to provide open, transparent, and trusted services, the challenges of managing citizens' identities and access to information require careful planning, a strong policy focus, and attention to standards and interoperability. The risks, rewards, and repercussions of transparent government will be explored at Identity Management 2009, an OASIS IDtrust forum that will be held 29-30 September at the U.S. National Institute for Standards and Technology (NIST) facility in Gaithersburg, Maryland.

"How do we balance open access, transparency and accountability with security and privacy? Governments all over the world are grappling with that question," said Mary Ellen Callahan, Chief Privacy Officer for the U.S. Department of Homeland Security. Callahan will provide a keynote address on "Addressing Privacy, Trust, and Accountability," with Ari Schwartz, Vice President and Chief Operating Officer for the Center for Democracy and Technology (CDT).

Other keynote presentations will be given by Peter Alterman, Senior Advisor for Strategic Initiatives, U.S. National Institutes of Health (NIH), and Jim Harper, Director of Information Policy Studies for the CATO Institute.

The OASIS Key Management Interoperability Protocol (KMIP) Technical Committee will meet in conjunction with Identity Management 2009, which is sponsored by Microsoft.

"Promoting widespread use of secure and trustworthy digital identities, while preserving personal privacy and protecting civil liberties, is a critical challenge for governments and the technology industry," said Lee Nackman, corporate vice president of the Identity and Security Division at Microsoft. "Working with government leaders, industry partners and consortia like OASIS, Microsoft is committed to the technical and policy innovation needed to provide citizens with safe access to resources and services, in both the public and private sectors. Identity Management 2009 will provide an ideal forum for knowledge sharing and collaboration in this area."

Complimentary press passes are available; contact events@oasis-open.org for details.

Additional information:

Identity Management 2009
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About OASIS IDtrust:

The OASIS Identity and Trusted Infrastructure (IDtrust) Member Section promotes greater understanding and adoption of standards-based identity and trusted infrastructure technologies, policies, and practices. IDtrust is part of the OASIS not-for-profit, international consortium that drives the development, convergence and adoption of open standards for the global information society. OASIS promotes industry consensus and produces worldwide standards for security, Web services, XML conformance, business transactions, electronic publishing, and other applications. OASIS open standards offer the potential to lower cost, stimulate innovation, grow global markets, and protect the right of free choice of technology. OASIS members broadly represent the marketplace of public and private sector technology leaders, users and influencers. The consortium has more than 5,000 participants representing over 600 organizations and individual members in 100 countries.
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