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Re: Public review for NIST SP 800-63 v4 Initial Public Draft

Thank you for the opportunity to review and suggest improvements to the text of NIST SP 800-63 v4 Initial Public Draft.

Kantara operates an assessment and trustmark licensing service in which independent assessors with deep experience in identity management systems evaluate conformance of an organization's practices with respect to SP 800-63. Companies participating in the Kantara service deliver assessed and trustmarked services to Federal Agencies and related services providers based on the requirements of SP 800-63.

The Kantara Initiative views the work of NIST on Digital Identity Guidelines and related documents as foundational to the information security and privacy of people served by US Federal Agencies. We also see new and continued interest among the broader security and privacy industry in SP 800-63 and actively engage organizations in many parts of the world about their identity assurance programs.

Over the last year, Kantara's Identity Assurance Work Group (IAWG) has researched, discussed, prepared to engage NIST on SP 800-63-4 IPD. Our IAWG members come from many industry sectors including healthcare, public sector, education, IT security, commercial enterprise and digital identity. Most importantly, Credential Service Providers and Identity Assurance Assessors are very active in IAWG and bring their customer requirements knowledge to bear on our discussions of SP 800-63.

Kantara wishes to submit our combined contribution in the accompanying spreadsheet to the public review process for SP 800-63-4 IPD. We hope that our feedback helps your teams to gain new perspectives on the text which leads to improved clarity and quality.

We look forward to working with NIST during the editing and publication process for the new version of SP 800-63.

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