

HEALTHCARE RBAC KICK-OFF MEETING PLANNED FOR JULY, 2003

The Healthcare RBAC Task Force, composed of representatives from major U.S. healthcare organizations including the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA), the Department of Defense (DoD), and Kaiser Permanente, will conduct the initial Task Force Kickoff meeting in July. Time and place will be announced shortly. All parties have a common goal of establishing a healthcare standard for role based access controls/permissions. The point of contact for the Healthcare RBAC Task Force is Dawn Bollmann (Dawn.Bollmann@med.va.gov <<mailto:Dawn.Bollmann@med.va.gov>>).

DoD FORMS ENTERPRISE-LEVEL RBAC TASK FORCE ACTIVITIES

The Department of Defense (DoD) is forming an enterprise-level RBAC Task Force composed of functional healthcare individuals. The DoD will also provide representation within the Healthcare RBAC Task Force, which is a national effort with representatives from major U.S. healthcare organizations.

VHA RBAC TASK FORCE KICK-OFF MEETING IN JUNE

The Veterans Health Administration (VHA) will officially begin its enterprise-level Role Based Access Control (RBAC) effort with a kick-off meeting June 19-20, 2003, in Chicago. The VHA RBAC Task Force will include VHA representation from the Hines VA Medical Center (VAMC)/IM Pharmacy, Health Information Architecture (HIA), Health Data Repository (HDR), Computer-based Patient Record-Reengineered (CPRS-R), Indian Health Service (IHS), Informatics Specialists, the Washington, D.C., VAMC, and VISN 1. These Task Force members also represent functional healthcare areas including pharmacy, clinical, ICU, ER, PACU, Clinical Informatics, and Health Data Systems. Dr. Robert O'Hara is the Chair of this task force.

PROPOSED NIST RBAC STANDARD UNDER REVIEW

The proposed RBAC standard reference model, *American National Standard for Information Technology - Role Based Access Control*, has been prepared by the National Institute of Standards and Technology. This proposed standard describes the capabilities, components, and relationships that form the basis for an RBAC implementation. It is stated in abstract terms, such that technology implementers have a wide degree of latitude in specifying and designing their RBAC products. The proposed standard also recognizes that there is no "one size fits all" standard for RBAC, and thus includes a family of models: core RBAC (User-Role-Permission), hierarchical RBAC (role inheritance), and constrained RBAC (e.g., separation of duties using roles).

This proposed standard is currently under public review. Refer to <http://csrc.nist.gov/rbac/> for access to the proposed standard. The Security Architects from the VHA Health Information Architecture (HIA) Office have recently sent in their endorsement of this proposed standard.

INTERNET-BASED RBAC WEBSITE NEARS COMPLETION

The VHA RBAC Website is nearly completed and will soon be available. The Website includes the ability to document storyboards by recording them in a Scenario-based model. RBAC documents, including the Healthcare RBAC Charter, the VHA RBAC Charter and the RBAC Process Engineering guide will also be accessible from the Website.