



The IdenTrust™ ECA Trusted Correspondent Program





REDUCING COSTS AND STREAMLINING PROCESSING AS AN ECA TRUSTED CORRESPONDENT

As an External Certification Authority (ECA), IdenTrust provides digital certificates required for organizations to do business with the U.S. Department of Defense (DoD). IdenTrust has delivered identification and authorization services for government certificate programs for many years and built a reputation for expertise, exceptional customer service and absolute security.

IdenTrust offers an ECA Trusted Correspondent program which enables organizations to have digital certificates issued to employees, officers and agents. By following a secure, yet easy-to-administer process, the Trusted Correspondent performs the identity vetting process previously done by IdenTrust and submits requests for multiple digital certificates in bulk loads. Becoming an ECA Trusted Correspondent makes sense for organizations needing to save time, reduce costs and improve processes when issuing ECA digital certificates. As an internal entity, the Trusted Correspondent determines who needs an ECA certificate, ensures that the individual is indeed who they say they are, and procures the certificates.

Below are the four type of ECA certificates that can be issued to your organization:



Certificate Type	
DoD PKI ECA Medium Assurance 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Assurance Level: Medium, identity verified by a notary, an IdenTrust Agent or a Trusted Correspondent Software-based certificate stored within the Internet browser Keys generated and held in FIPS 140-1/2 level 1 or higher validated software (i.e. Internet Explorer) Validity: 1 or 3 year certificates
DoD PKI ECA Medium Token Assurance 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Assurance Level: Medium Token, identity verified by a notary, an IdenTrust Agent or a Trusted Correspondent Keys generated and held in FIPS 140-2 Level 2 or higher validated USB Token Validity: 1 or 3 year certificates
DoD PKI ECA Medium Hardware Assurance 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Assurance Level: Medium Hardware, identity verified by an IdenTrust Agent or Trusted Correspondent Hardware-based certificate stored within a smart card or USB token Keys generated and held in FIPS 140-2 level 2 or higher validated smart card or USB token Validity: 1 or 3 year certificates
DoD PKI ECA Medium Assurance SSL 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Assurance Level: Medium, identity verified by a notary, an IdenTrust Agent or a Trusted Correspondent Software-based certificate stored within the Internet browser Keys generated and held in FIPS 140-1/2 level 1 or higher validated software (i.e. Internet Explorer) Validity: 2 year certificates

Benefits

The benefits of the Trusted Correspondent Program include:

Streamlined Processing
The Trusted Correspondent manages the identification and authorization process internally, reducing ECA registration time by more than 50%.

Reduced Costs
ECA Trusted Correspondents can take advantage of discounted pricing for bulk load certificates. In addition, notary and postage fees are greatly reduced since processing and identity vetting is managed in-house.

Improved Controls
Having an internal Trusted Correspondent provides your organization with more control over the issuance, distribution and revocation of certificates. For example, if an employee is terminated, the Trusted Correspondent can revoke the certificate immediately. Likewise, new employees can receive their certificates in only a few days. And, an in-house Trusted Correspondent expert can provide quick resolution to basic digital certificate issues.

HOW THE TRUSTED CORRESPONDENT PROGRAM WORKS

Becoming an ECA Trusted Correspondent requires a one-time registration process in which IdenTrust validates that you are authorized by your organization to manage DoD PKI ECA digital certificates on its behalf.

Simple 5-Step Process to Become a Trusted Correspondent

STEP 1

Complete the “**Subscribing Organization Authorization Agreement**” form and the “**Trusted Correspondent Addendum to Subscribing Organization Authorization Agreement**” form and take them to an officer who can sign on behalf of your organization and represent to IdenTrust that you are a duly-authorized representative of the organization, and that you are authorized to perform identity verification for your organization and to electronically submit bulk loads and In-Person Identification forms to IdenTrust.

STEP 2

Ask the officer to sign both the “**Subscribing Organization Authorization Agreement**” form and the “**Trusted Correspondent Addendum**” and return them to you for submission to IdenTrust.

STEP 3

Complete the “**In-Person Identification**” form. Because you will be a Trusted Correspondent who will issue ECA Medium Hardware Assurance certificates, your in-person identification must be performed by an IdenTrust Registrar or another Trusted Correspondent.

Send all the signed originals of the **Subscribing Organization Authorization Agreement, Trusted Correspondent Addendum to Subscribing Organization Authorization Agreement, and the In-Person Identification** to IdenTrust:

MAILING ADDRESS / OVERNIGHT COURIER ADDRESS:

DOD / ECA Registration
IdenTrust, Inc.
255 North Admiral Byrd Road
Salt Lake City UT 84116-3703

STEP 4

Apply for your ECA digital certificate at: www.identrust.com/certificates/eca

STEP 5

Await your “Approval Letter” which will be mailed at the address indicated on the application.

About IdenTrust™

In 1999, IdenTrust, formerly Digital Signature Trust, was authorized by the Department of Defense (DoD) to issue digital certificates to their trading partners. Today, as an External Certificate Authority (ECA), IdenTrust issues digital certificates to DoD trading partners for use in many of their electronic programs with industry partners and other external companies including: the Wide Area Workflow, Defense Travel System, Secure Messaging and Electronic Document Access.

IdenTrust was also the first Certificate Authority (CA) to gain the General Services Administration's (GSA) approval to operate services under the Access Certificates for Electronic Services (ACES) contract. Today, IdenTrust is the leading issuer of ACES certificates, with over 70% of the volume, for participating federal agencies.

IdenTrust is also the global leader in trusted identity solutions, recognized by global financial institutions, government agencies and departments, and commercial organizations around the world. IdenTrust enables organizations to effectively manage the risks associated with identity authentication; work interoperably with countries around the world; minimize investment in creating their own policies and legal frameworks; and deploy a spectrum of products insuring trust, smarter, faster, and more cost effectively.

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