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Reference: Remote Notarization of Documents

Dear Remote Notarization Task Force:

HID Global, a worldwide leader in secure identity solutions, appreciates the opportunity to comment in support of remote notarization and its importance to the identity management industry.

HID Global is the global leader in trusted identity solutions recognized by global financial institutions, government agencies and corporations around the world¹. Our identity solutions enable organizations to effectively manage the risks associated with identity authentication by providing a unique, legally and technologically interoperable environment for authenticating and using identities worldwide.

Advancements in technology have proven to simplify transactions that consumers conduct to manage their daily lives. Many of these routine functions have transitioned to an electronic format, such as the remote eNotary process. Remote notarization creates a more efficient and accessible process for consumers to utilize in the comfort of their own homes and according to their schedule. Similarly, businesses can rely on the authenticity of documents through the use of digital identity credentials, which deliver a verifiable form of notarization with nonrepudiation and a digital audit trail.

IdenTrust (a part of HID Global) TrustID digital identity credentials guarantee the identity of people and their business affiliation online. These credentials, also called digital certificates, provide the foundation for all e-business transactions and relationships. IdenTrust uses a notary public to assist with confirmation of personally identifying artifacts and data; by leveraging a digital notary solution to service its customers remotely, the notarization process can be accomplished online and without delay. The online notarization process allows a certificate applicant and the remote notary to share documents for immediate notarization. Subsequently, IdenTrust can access the notarized document in an online repository and quickly complete the certificate application. A process that previously took days to complete now takes minutes.



Although face-to-face electronic notarization has not seen widespread adoption, remote electronic notarization is different, offering much greater value for consumers and businesses from a convenience, safety and security perspective. For those reasons, we are already seeing widespread interest in the program.

Please contact me at 949/500-4305 or via email at dspitler@hidglobal.com with any questions.

We appreciate your consideration of remote notarization standards and the opportunity to provide comments. Thank you for your time and your commitment to this issue.

Sincerely,

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¹Some examples of customers served include Bank of America Merrill Lynch, Lloyds, RBS, Citi, U.S. Department of Homeland Security, Australian Customs and Border Protection Service, Nasa, Microsoft, Coca-Cola, Cisco, Google, Dell, Arizona State University and Vanderbilt University. This is just a small sampling of the types of customers that we service.