

The Smart Card Alliance Physical Access Council is focused on accelerating the widespread acceptance, usage, and application of smart card technology for physical access control. The group brings together, in an open forum, leading users and technologists from both the public and private sectors and works on activities that are important to the physical access industry and that will help speed smart card adoption in this important market.

## Physical Access Council Activities

The Council works on projects to stimulate the use of smart card technology for physical access control. Initial Physical Access Council projects focused on the impact that FIPS 201 will have on U.S. government physical access requirements and on the integration of physical and logical access control.

The Physical Access Council's activities include:

- Developing white papers and briefings on best practices for using smart card technology for physical access control;
- Providing industry resources for assisting the Federal government in the implementation of FIPS 201 Personal Identity Verification (PIV) cards for physical access control;
- Participating in the development of standards and specifications for using smart cards in physical access control systems;
- Collaborating with other industry organizations to influence standards and develop best practices.

## Council Officers

Chair: Lars Suneborn, Hirsch Electronics  
Vice Chair: Bob Merkert, SCM Microsystems  
Secretary, Salvatore D'Agostino, IDmachines

## Council Resources

### Events

- Next Generation Physical Access Control System Workshop, 8th Annual Smart Cards in Government Conference
- Demonstration of the FIPS 201 PIV card for physical and logical access, ISC West

### White Papers

- Authentication Mechanisms for Physical Access Control
- Considerations for the Migration of Existing Physical Access Control Systems to Achieve FIPS 201 Compatibility
- FIPS 201 PIV II Card Use with Physical Access Control Systems: Recommendations to Optimize Transaction Time and User Experience



- FIPS 201 and Physical Access Control: An Overview of the Impact of FIPS 201 on Federal Physical Access Control Systems
- Interoperable Identity Credentials for the Air Transport Industry
- Physical Access Control System Migration Options for Using FIPS 201-1 Compliant Credentials, developed in collaboration with the OSE, SIA and IBIA
- Recommendation on the Credential Numbering Scheme for the FIPS 201 PIV Card Global Unique Identifier

### Industry Collaboration and Commentary

- Collaboration with the American Association of Airport Executives (AAAE), International Biometric Industry Association (IBIA) and Security Industry Association (SIA)
- Submission of industry comments on FEMA draft document, NIMS Guidelines for the Credentialing of Personnel
- Submission of industry comments on NIST draft FIPS 140-3, Security Requirements for Cryptographic Modules
- Submission of industry comments on NIST draft SP 800-116, A Recommendation for the Use of PIV Credentials in Physical Access Control Systems
- Submission of industry comments on NIST draft SP 800-73-3, Interfaces for Personal Identity Verification

The Council also collaborated with the Smart Card Alliance Identity Council on new white papers on using the PIV model for enterprise access control and using FIPS 201 and smart cards in emergency response official programs.

## Member Comments

“The Smart Card Alliance is an important common interest forum that enables the smart card industry to respond effectively to important issues that affect its members. The Alliance provides a respected voice to help educate organizations and policy makers on the advantages of smart card technology and to help guide future adoption.”

—Paul Collier, *President, Identification Technology Partners*

“The Physical Access Council provides a unique resource for the discovery, discussion, and dissemination of the issues that drive the physical access control system (PACS) marketplace. Companies and individuals need to continue to evaluate where to spend their resources among the competing organizations, web sites, meetings and other sales and educational opportunities. For IDmachines it is an easy decision to continue to invest in a close involvement with the Council’s activities. Frankly it is great to get together on a regular basis with people who understand the intricacies and evolution of a modern PACS as well as the realities of the business. As a result the Physical Access Council represents, in my opinion, one of, if not the industry’s most important working group. Simply look at the council’s output over the last few years if there is any question about this claim.”

—Salvatore D’Agostino, *CEO, IDmachines and Council Secretary*

“The Smart Card Alliance Physical Access Council has been a very valuable source of current and relevant information regarding technology trends and government and industry initiatives and also serves as a forum to provide input, share views and help influence the future of our industry. It provides a view of things to come which helps tremendously in planning and solutions development.”

—Tony Damalas, *Vice President Technology, Diebold Security*

“The Smart Card Alliance has provided me with knowledge that has helped me succeed with my previous jobs as a Federal Government employee and now as a contractor. My job within the Federal Government and now would have been much more difficult without the Smart Card Alliance.”

—Lolie Kull, *U.S. Government Solutions, HP Enterprise Services*

“The Smart Card Alliance is an invaluable resource for professionals working in smart card technology within the federal, state and local governments, and health care. We have participated in numerous Alliance conferences and workshops, as well as shared thought leadership with our employees and our clients. All of these outlets have increased our understanding and awareness of the latest advancements in smart card technology and enabled us to better connect with our clients who are facing challenges in the identity management arena.”

—Carey Miller, *Senior Manager, Security, Privacy and Identity Management Solutions, Deloitte Consulting*

“I have been involved with the Physical Access Council since its inception. The Council provides virtually unlimited resources to identify key upcoming industry trends. It also provides end users with important unbiased information that is not influenced by a particular technology or company. We use these resources to educate our customers and to develop forward-thinking solutions that answer the needs of the most demanding security professionals.”

—Roger Roehr, *Consultant, Roehr Consulting*

“Some of the brightest minds in the industry participate on the Physical Access Council. You get a new appreciation for standards and guidance when they are discussed by such a cross-functional group. With this deeper understanding of the requirements, I am better equipped to educate others.”

—Adam Shane, *Product Manager, AMAG Technology*

The unbiased, collective industry expertise of the Smart Card Alliance continues to, in a leading role, serve both industry as well as government agencies with accurate, current and relevant information necessary to make informed decisions.

—Lars R. Suneborn, *Director, Government Program, HIRSCH Electronics and Council Chair*

## About the Smart Card Alliance

The Smart Card Alliance is a not-for-profit, multi-industry association working to stimulate the understanding, adoption, use and widespread application of smart card technology. Through specific projects such as education programs, market research, advocacy, industry relations and open forums, the Alliance keeps its members connected to industry leaders and innovative thought. The Alliance is the single industry voice for smart cards, leading industry discussion on the impact and value of smart cards in the U.S. and Latin America. For more information please visit [www.smartcardalliance.org](http://www.smartcardalliance.org).

The Smart Card Alliance Industry and Technology Councils are focused groups within the overall structure of the Alliance. Councils have been created to foster increased industry collaboration within a specified industry or market segment and produce tangible results, speeding smart card adoption and industry growth. Groups collaborate on specific deliverables, including reports, briefings and educational material. The Smart Card Alliance currently has five active Councils focusing on contactless and mobile payments, healthcare, identity, physical access and transportation industries. Council participation is open to any Smart Card Alliance member who wishes to contribute to the Council projects.

## Council Steering Committee

Tony Damalas, Diebold  
Bob Gilson, U.S. Department of Defense/  
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