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## Province of Ontario Market Consultation Package - Digital Identity

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IAWG Participants,

The Province of Ontario (Canada) has asked Kantara, amongst others, to participate in its market consultation concerning their Digital Identity ecosystem. An overview of the ecosystem is contained in the attached document (*Digital Identity - Market Consultation Package -.pdf*) as well as the original *Invitation to Participate* sent to Colin (follows this email). Their questionnaire is part of the attached *Consultation Package*. The initiative's timeline is indicated in the *Invitation to Participate*.

As the timeframe for a response is very short (due 9:00AM November 17th), we will only have two IAWG meetings in which to formulate a response to their 26 questions: November 5th and November 12th.

As November 5th is tomorrow I realize that participants will not have much time to formulate any in-depth responses for that meeting. For tomorrow's meeting I ask that Participants take the time to review the attached *Consultation Package* and be prepared to identify the questions to which Kantara should respond.

As we will only have the November 12th meeting to finalize a response I will volunteer, as I am a resident of Ontario and have a personal interest in "getting a good solution", to be the editor of this response (*Kantara Response to Ontario.gdoc* attached). To that end, I will prepare initial answers that can be collaboratively worked on and then finalized at the meeting on November 12th.

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### Invitation to Participate

As part of [Ontario Onwards: Ontario's COVID-19 Action Plan](#), the Province has developed a roadmap to improve the overall functioning of government at a rapid pace as we manage and emerge from the COVID-19 pandemic. The Action Plan outlines how government will make public sector services and service delivery modern and customer focused; make the public sector digital and data-driven; and increase efficiency, effectiveness and speed of government operations and decisions.

To realise this vision, Ontario is looking to develop a Digital Identity (DI) ecosystem for both people and businesses to facilitate secure sharing of identity information when interacting with public and private sector services and has committed to delivering a digital wallet by the end of 2021. A digital wallet is but one component of a Digital Identity (DI) ecosystem to enable secure access to services anytime, anywhere, from any device. Delivering on the wallet, while also furthering the development of a DI ecosystem that would benefit all Ontarians, would require public and private sector organizations to collaborate closely with each other, potentially in new and innovative ways. To that end, the Province is launching this consultation with public and private sector stakeholders including consulting firms, Identity Providers (IdPs) and Repeating Parties (RPs), associations and agencies, other levels of government, think tanks and technology

incubators, and technology firms to identify and assess the potential business model(s); understand key elements to develop a successful partnership structure; and discuss case studies and key learnings from private sector experience and other jurisdictions.

We would like to invite you to participate in this process as we believe your perspective would be helpful to inform how Ontario can take the appropriate steps to establish a strong foundation for the overall DI ecosystem. The approach we are taking is a three-step process as outlined below. The first step is to confirm your interest in participating. The second step is to complete a list of questions crafted to gather data and priority use cases that provide insights to key considerations DI stakeholders are contemplating. The third step is a follow-up conversation with some organizations where more insight is needed based on their responses. We appreciate your input and ask that you follow the steps below to participate within the timelines indicated.

Here is an overview of the Market Consultation plan and key dates:

| Step | Item                                                                                                                                                              | Details                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       | Suggested Deadline                                                                              |
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| 1    | Confirm participation                                                                                                                                             | Please respond to this email confirming your interest in participating                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        | 5 PM, Tuesday<br>November 3, 2020                                                               |
| 2    | Market Consultation Responses<br><br><i>(Overview Slides along with Market Consultation questions will be sent within 24 hours of receiving the confirmation)</i> | Please complete the questions and send back by the suggested deadline<br><br><i>(please consider the questions included as a guide and feel free to share your responses only in areas with deeper experience / perspective; we are flexible about the format for your responses e.g., Word / PowerPoint)</i> | 9 AM, Tuesday,<br>November 17, 2020                                                             |
| 3    | Selected follow-up sessions                                                                                                                                       | Our team will reach out to provide more details about the consultation sessions should there be a benefit in a follow-up discussion based on the responses received                                                                                                                                           | Friday, November 22, 2020 (session will be held in late November and early December, as needed) |

Please let us know if you have any questions or if any further information would be helpful at this point. Please treat all information shared in the email and process as confidential.

Thank you in advance,

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