



**Standards Coordination Committee**  
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## Identity Ecosystem Steering Group

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Luis Enriquez  
OWASP

Dear Luis and team:

On behalf of the Standards Coordinating Committee (SCC) of the Identity Ecosystem Steering Group (IDESG), I would like to thank OWASP for the willingness to advance the identity ecosystem. Taking the lead on developing a performance standard for Knowledge Based Authentication (KBA) remote identity proofing is a significant step forward to alleviate gaps in the current marketplace.

On February 5, 2015 the SCC made a consensus determination to not formally liaise with OWASP at this time as you endeavor on this important initiative. At this juncture, it is the opinion of the committee that OWASP does not have adequate resources to progress the standard in a timeframe that meets the needs of the IDESG stakeholders we support.

This does not constitute a decision to not adopt a ratified version of the KBA performance metrics standard OWASP intends to build. Quite opposite, we look forward to a completed standard that the SCC can put forth for adoption as part of the identity ecosystem framework. We sincerely believe that the principals currently involved at OWASP are committed to the guiding principles outlined in the National Strategy for Trusted Identities in Cyberspace (NSTIC) and for promoting a market-driven solution that markedly improves the lives of those that participate online.

In addition, we would appreciate that OWASP provide regular updates to the SCC. We also welcome continued participation as a voting member in the IDESG and SCC. We want to follow your progress and are eager to reconsider a liaison role should OWASP gain momentum in advancing the performance standard.

We would also like to offer OWASP the opportunity to participate in an informal discussion that outlines the justification behind our decision and determine an appropriate path forward for continued updates.

Regards,

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Cathy Tilton  
Chair, SCC

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Paul Grassi  
Chair, KBA Evaluation Team