

DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE**Drug Enforcement Administration**

[Docket No. DEA-217N]

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Electronic Orders for Controlled Substances: Notice of Meeting**AGENCY:** Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA), Justice.**ACTION:** Notice of meeting.

SUMMARY: The Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA) will hold a public meeting to provide technical details regarding the use of digital signatures and public key infrastructure (PKI) technology within DEA's system for electronic orders for Schedule I and II controlled substances.

DATES: Wednesday, May 18, 2005, 9 a.m. until 4:30 p.m.**ADDRESSES:** Sheraton National Hotel, 900 South Orme Street, Arlington, VA 22204.

Persons wishing to attend this meeting, space permitting, must provide attendee information to the Liaison and Policy Section, Office of Diversion Control, Drug Enforcement Administration, via e-mail to mandy.a.healy@usdoj.gov, or via facsimile at (202) 353-1079 as specified below. Persons wishing to attend the meeting must provide this information to the Liaison and Policy Section no later than Monday, May 16, 2005.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**Background**

In a separate Final Rule published in today's **Federal Register**, the Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA) is implementing regulations regarding the electronic transmission of Schedule I and II controlled substances orders from purchasers (DEA-registered distributors, pharmacies and practitioners) to suppliers (DEA-registered manufacturers and distributors) and the electronic retention of records pertaining to those orders. DEA is requiring that these electronic orders be conducted using public key infrastructure (PKI) technology, including the use of digital certificates issued by the DEA Bridge Certification Authority.

This meeting is being held to provide information to interested persons including systems vendors and developers regarding industry's development of electronic systems which conform to the standards and regulations DEA is implementing. Persons interested in learning about the development of such PKI-based systems using DEA's standards may attend this meeting, so long as space permits.

Background and Supporting Documents

Supporting documents regarding DEA's system to permit the electronic transmission of Schedule I and II controlled substances orders and the electronic retention of records pertaining to those orders, including the Certificate Policy, Certificate Profile, applications to obtain a digital certificate from the DEA Bridge Certification Authority, and other pertinent materials may be found within the Electronic Commerce Initiatives/CSOS section on the Diversion Control Program Web site: <http://www.deadiversion.usdoj.gov/ecom/index.html>, and DEA's E-Commerce Web site: <http://www.deaecom.gov>.

Meeting Registration

Persons wishing to attend this meeting must provide the following information to the Liaison and Policy Section, Office of Diversion Control, Drug Enforcement Administration, via e-mail or facsimile as listed above:

Name: _____
 Title: _____
 Company/Organization: _____
 Address: _____
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