

## Equifax Launches Partnership with National Institutes of Health for Secure Access to Information, Collaboration

## **Demo Set for Gov 2.0 Summit**

WHAT: Equifax and the National Institutes of Health (NIH) are

demonstrating a first-of-its-kind partnership to use I-Card technology to provide privacy and user control of identity in online interactions with government and commercial entities.

WHO: Ron Carpinella, vice president of Identity Management and

Interactive Marketing Services, Equifax

WHEN: Wednesday, Sept. 9

10 a.m. - 12 p.m.; 2 - 5 p.m.

 $\star$  Please call 404-964-8929 to schedule a time for a

demonstration

WHERE: Grand Hyatt Washington

Wilson Room - Constitution Level

## **BACKGROUND**

The Equifax I-Card is a digital identity management solution that lives in an individual's digital wallet, containing information needed to conduct online transactions or verify identity. For Web sites that accept I-Cards, individuals can click-in without the need to type in a user name, password or other personal information.

## **EQUIFAX I-CARD BENEFITS**

For online merchants, the I-Card verifies that a consumer's identity is true, which reduces fraud and establishes a trusted relationship between the consumer and the online retailer/service or destination. In addition, the I-Card reduces the need for companies to retain customers' personally identifiable information (PII), which helps reduce the risk posed by data breaches.

For individuals, the I-Card eliminates the need to enter personal information to establish identity on a Web site. The I-Card lets individuals manage their personal data in one place and log-in to Web sites with a single click, avoiding the need to fill in forms or remember multiple passwords.

For general online security, the I-Card virtually eliminates phishing-related fraud. Because the I-Card recognizes participating, trusted Web sites, it alerts consumers when they click in to a site that's not the correct I-Card Web site.

The Equifax I-Card is part of the growing trend to provide more secure, trusted online

transactions between companies and their customers. For business, the I-Card takes identity management to the next level, enabling users to control the release of their personal information.

The Equifax I-Card is among the first commercial I-Card based products to launch from members of the Information Card Forum (IFC), an industry consortium dedicated to developing simpler, more secure digital identity on the Internet.

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