

Digital Identity

What is Government's Role?

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Digital Identity Matters

- Goods economy is anonymous
- Service economy
 - ◆ dematerialization
- Service requires identity
- Burden of authentication



Driver's License as Identity

- Drivers license performs three critical functions:
 - ◆ Identity
 - ◆ Authentication
 - ◆ Authorization
- Goes beyond what is required for driving authorization
- No national standard



Governments and Identity

- Vital Records
- Permitting
- Contracts
- Public Safety and Criminal Justice
- Passports



Government's Proper Role

- Vital Records
 - ◆ eVital – not seen as an identity platform?
- Driver's License
 - ◆ Recognize that it *is* an identity document
 - ◆ Treat it like one
- Digital Certificates
 - ◆ Foundation for commerce
 - ◆ Cost and risk indemnification
- **NOT** Infrastructural



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Questions?

