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Subject: Re: Stateful Hash-Based Signatures (HBS): Request for Public Comments
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Thanks, looks good.

MD

On Feb 4, 2019, at 9:46 AM, Foti, James (Fed) <james.foti@nist.gov> wrote:

Hi Morrie-
Nikki Keller just sent out the GovDelivery notice, too. See below.
Jim

From: NIST Computer Security Division <csrc.nist@service.govdelivery.com>
Sent: Monday, February 4, 2019 9:44 AM
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In June 2018, NIST requested public feedback on plans to standardize either one or both of the LMS and XMSS stateful hash-based signature (HBS) schemes, as developed by the Internet Engineering Task Force (IETF). The general consensus was that both stateful HBS schemes should be standardized by NIST.

Therefore, **NIST is now announcing its intent to standardize on both schemes: LMS and XMSS.** Because stateful hash-based signatures are prone to misuse, NIST seeks input on the following questions:

- How should NIST's specification characterize the applications for which such signatures are, or are not, appropriate?
- What requirements and guidance for protecting against misuse should NIST include beyond what is provided in the IETF specifications?

Comments may be sent to pqc-comments@nist.gov with the subject line "stateful HBS comments" by April 1, 2019. See the Request for Public Comments link below for additional details and background information.

Request for Public Comments:
<https://csrc.nist.gov/news/2019/stateful-hbs-request-for-public-comments>

Stateful Hash-Based Signatures Project:
<https://csrc.nist.gov/projects/stateful-hash-based-signatures>

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