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Transparent Acquisition Marketplace for Increased Agility with OTD



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# Playing by the Rules:

## Acquisition and Implementation of Open Source Programs in Government IT Environments

program example:

## Securing FIPS 140-2 Validation for OpenSSL





# Program Objective:

- Enable usage of OpenSSL within DoD environment
- **OpenSSL - “secure socket layer”**
- *(STANDARD) The OpenSSL software is the basis of many, perhaps the majority, of all validated software cryptographic products,..*
- *(VENDOR PARTICIPATION) We know from the high level of vendor interest that the validated OpenSSL library will rapidly be incorporated into a wide range of both commercial and open source software, greatly expanding the availability of suitable validated products.*
- *(ECONOMICS) Since each FIPS 140-2 validation can take many months and \$50,000-\$150,000 in external fees alone, the savings in both time and money will be substantial. Even where acquisition costs are not a concern the availability of suitable validated cryptographic products has been a problem.*





# Acquisition Policy Issue:

- NSTISSP No. 11

- National Security Telecommunications and Information Systems Security Policy No. 11

- *(7) Effective 1 July 2002...acquisition of all COTS IA and IA-enabled products...shall be limited only to those which have been evaluated and validated...(Common Criteria, NIAP, FIPS 140-2)*
- *policy mandate, defines business practices*

July 1, 2002  
NSTISSP No 11





# Players:

- Government

- DoD/DMLSS (END USER)
- Crypto Management Validation Program (CMVP)
  - NIST/CSE (CERTIFICATION BODY)

- Vendors/Suppliers

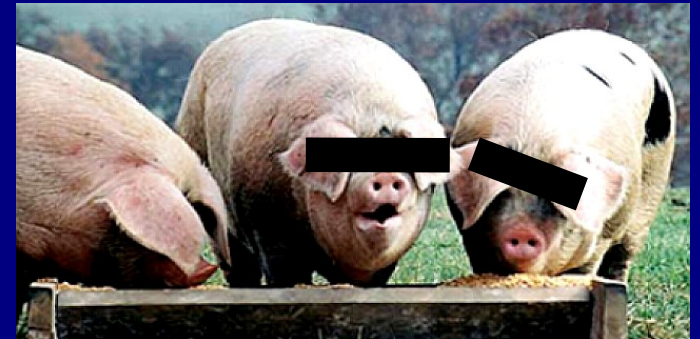
- HP, Secure Computing, OSSI (DEVELOPERS)
  - OpenSSL Group
- “unnamed vendor(s)” (OPPOSITION)

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# What's at Stake?

- Only validated products are allowed for acquisition
- Validation is managed by CMVP
- Conducted by 12 certified labs
- Paid for by vendor
- Closed review system



*What could possibly go wrong?*

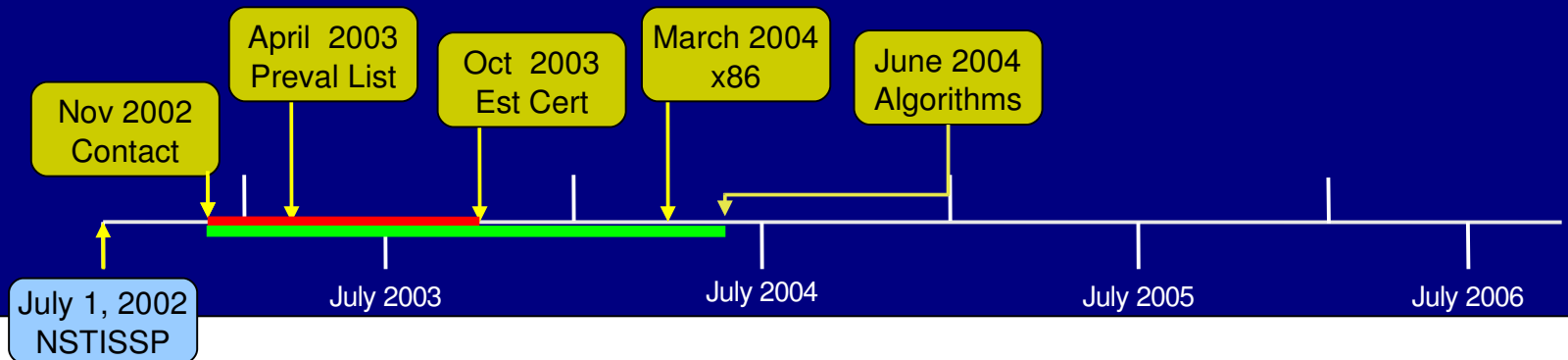
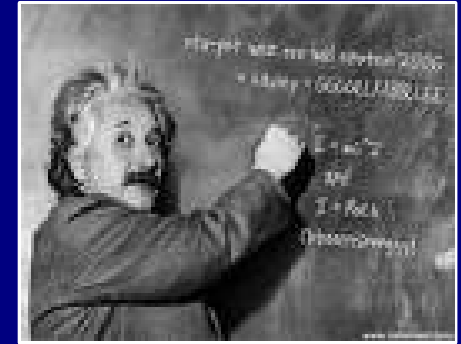




# How it's supposed to work:

## • Original Program Timeline

- Initial contact by DMLSS (Nov 2002)
- Contract with OSSI (Feb 2003)
- Engage Lab (April 2003)
- On CMVP preval list (April 2003)
- public announcement (April 2003)
- Estimated Completion Date (Oct 2003)
- Expand scope to include x86 (March 2004)
- Algorithm certificates awarded (June 2004)



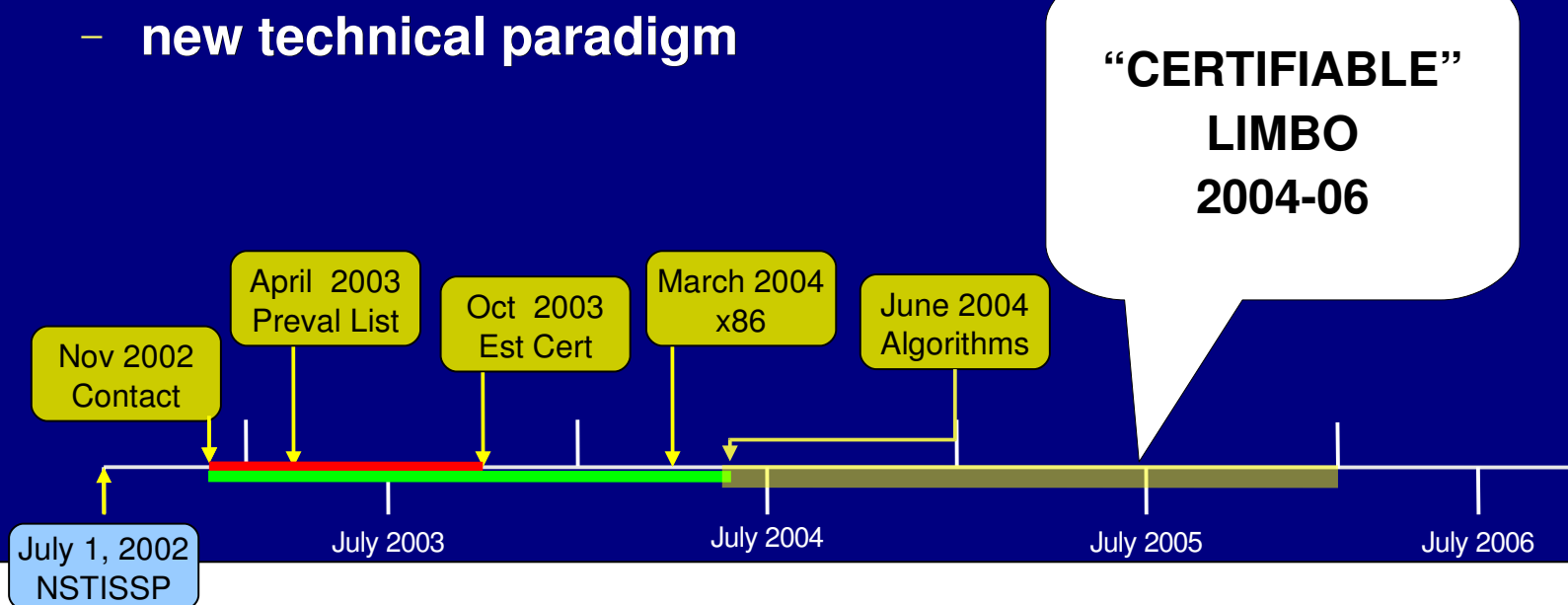


# Upsetting the Applecart:

- You can't do that...!
- Open Source Dev Model
  - Pro's: open & transparent
  - Con's: open & transparent
- Technical/Certification Status Quo
  - new technical paradigm



## Technical/Certification Status Quo





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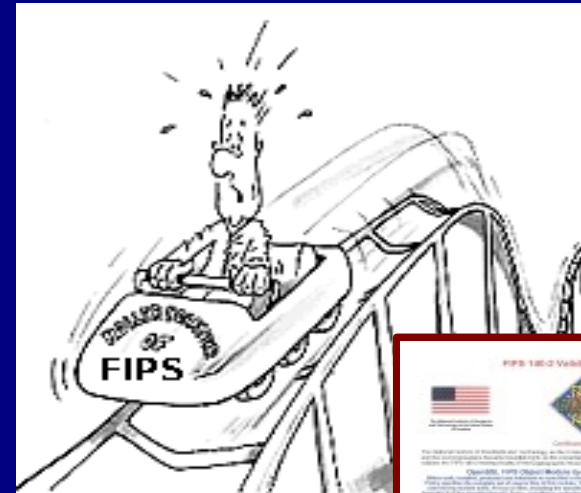


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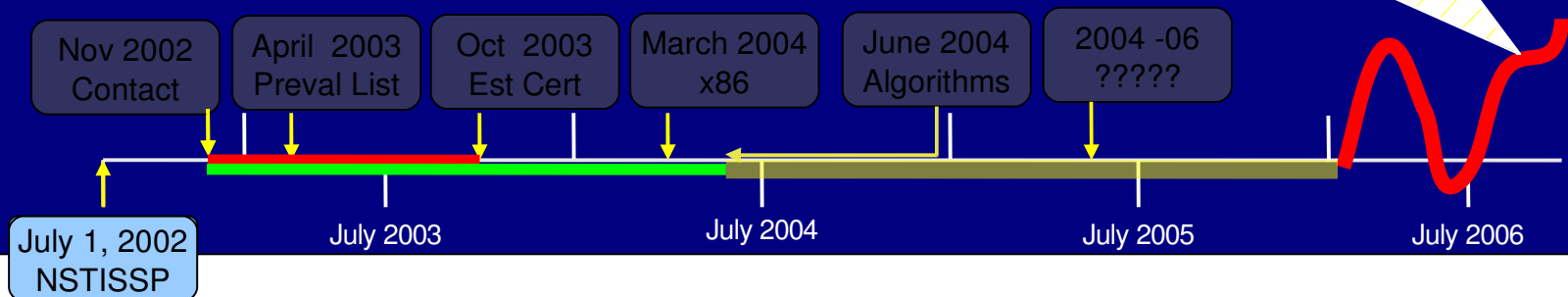


# PROGRESS: *of sorts*

- **January 2006**
  - Validation Awarded
  - Rejected
- **MARCH 2006**
  - **VALIDATION AWARDED**
  - Certification 642
- **June 2006**
  - Revoked (oops, mistake...)
  - Re-instated, but **“NOT AVAILABLE”**



**CURRENT STATUS**  
resubmitted to CMVP







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# Status – Lessons Learned

- Process Should be OPEN and TRANSPARENT!
- Open Technology Development (OTD)
  - strategic roadmap
  - U.S. Navy open Architecture & OSS Policy (pending)
  - OS Joint Task Force (OSJTF)
  - OTD Working Group
    - govt
    - industry
    - system integrators



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# Additional Info

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# OpenSSL Validation Update List

