Update on Symmetric Key Transport and Group Key Management

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Recap

- Multicast requires symmetric key transport
- Should MSEC protocols use Key Wrap?
 - RFC 3394 Advanced Encryption Standard (AES) Key
 Wrap Algorithm
 - RFC 5649 Advanced Encryption Standard (AES)
 Key Wrap with Padding Algorithm
- Key Wrap does not match GDOI data model
 - No good combinations

Update

- Decision: Key Wrap is not needed/suitable
- GDOI 'Key Wrap' allowed by NIST FIPS-140
 - Thanks to Tim and his NIST colleagues!
 - SP 800-131 Draft 2, Recommendation for the Transitioning of Cryptographic Algorithms and Key Lengths
 - Implementation Guidance for FIPS 140-2 and the Cryptographic Module Validation Program
- New NIST key wrap guidance is expected
 - Other algorithms may be allowed
 - Will forward information to MSEC as available

Going Forward

- MSEC should coordinate with NIST
 - No urgent issues, but alignment desirable
- Areas of interest
 - Key Transport (Protocols)
 - Key Wrap Algorithms