FileSender Added to Research and Scholarship Category

FileSender is the latest addition to the InCommon Research & Scholarship category. This service, an NSF research project operated by Internet2, allows researchers at participating institutions to temporarily store a file of up to 1TB in size and notify recipients of the method for retrieval. It is designed to provide a solution to the e-mail large file attachment restriction in most mail systems. FileSender is available to InCommon participants (higher education or research organizations only) that operate an identity provider that releases eduPersonPrincipalName and e-mail attributes.

Service providers (SPs) eligible for the R&S category support research and scholarship activities such as virtual organizations and campus-based collaboration services. Participating identity providers (IdPs) agree to release a minimal set of attributes to R&S SPs (name, email address, user identifier, and affiliation). This can be done with a one-time modification to the IdP's default attribute release policy, which applies to the entire R&S category. This provides a simpler and more scalable approach for IdPs than negotiating attribute release individually with every service provider.

See the InCommon wiki for complete information about the R&S Category. A complete list of R&S services is available via the Federation Info web pages.