A SECURE FLEXIBLE ELECTRONIC SUBBMISSION ACCEPTANCE SYSTEM

ABSTRACT

A secure electronic submission acceptance system operating over a computer network is disclosed. A central server (12) sets the requirements for making submissions. These requirements include a time limit after the expiry of which, submissions will no longer be accepted. A gateway server (14) polls the central server for the submission requirements, and establishes a directory in its own file system to which all potential submitters (18) have write access until expiry of the time limit. The gateway server (14) is able to verify the authenticity of a submission and subsequently forward an acceptable submission on to the central server (12).

Fig.1