Abstract of the Invention

In accordance with various aspects, the present invention relates to methods and systems for sending an identity information document comprising selecting identity information from a self-identity information store for inclusion in the identity information document. The selected identity information is read from a self-identity information store. The identity information document is generated to include the selected identity information and one or more keys, and signed using a key associated with one of the keys included in the identity information document. The identity information document is then sent to a recipient. Receiving an identity information document comprises receiving a signed identity information document from an originator. A determination is made as to whether identity information in the identity information document is reliable. The identity information is saved in a recognized identity information store if the identity information is determined to be reliable. If the identity information is determined to be unreliable, an identity recognition number retrieved from the sender is compared to an identity recognition number generated by the recipient based on information in the received identity information document. If the identity recognition number is verified, the identity information is saved in the recognized identity information store.