Southeastern Illinois College Selects BIO-key's Cloud-Based PortalGuard®
Identity-as-a-Service (IDaaS) Platform for Enhanced Secure Access to Critical Applications

WALL, NJ & Harrisburg, IL, January 27, 2021 - BIO-key International, Inc. (NASDAQ: BKYI), an innovative provider of identity and access management (IAM) solutions powered by biometrics, today announced Southeastern Illinois College, located in Harrisburg, IL, has selected BIO-key's PortalGuard® IDaaS platform. The cloud-based access control solution will provide end-users with the same frictionless experience across all their devices connecting to critical institutional applications.

Southeastern Illinois College sought to enhance its existing access management approach by implementing a cloud-based identity solution that could deliver key agility, flexibility, scalability, and time to value benefits. PortalGuard, one of the leading cloud-based identity platforms, supports the rapid implementation of security policies in the most frictionless manner possible. BIO-key - PortalGuard's expertise in delivering successful solutions to the educational vertical was also an important differentiator, given its proven ability to integrate seamlessly with the school's student information system, Jenzabar, and learning management system, Canvas, among other mission-critical applications.

"The formal launch of the IDaaS version of our PortalGuard platform last fall, has accelerated our ability to deliver best-in-class security capabilities on a very efficient, cost-effective basis," said Mark Cochran, President of BIO-key - PortalGuard. "Higher Education institutions are seeking security experts like BIO-key to execute their strategic initiatives and meet increasing end-user demands for access personalization and convenience, while addressing the ever-evolving challenges of cybersecurity threats."

About BIO-key International, Inc. (www.bio-key.com)
BIO-key is revolutionizing authentication with biometric centric, multi-factor identity and access management (IAM) solutions, including its PortalGuard IAM solution, that provide convenient and secure access to devices, information, applications, and high-value transactions. BIO-key's proprietary software and hardware solutions, with industry-leading biometric capabilities, enable large-scale on-premise and Identity-as-a-Service (IDaaS) solutions, including customized enterprise and cloud solutions.

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