



Wood County, OH Deploys Flexible Multi-Factor Authentication Security with PortalGuard® Identity and Access Management Cloud Platform

Wood County, OH and Wall, NJ – May X, 2023 – [BIO-key International, Inc.](#) (NASDAQ: BKYI), an innovative provider of workforce and customer identity and access management (IAM) solutions featuring [Identity-Bound Biometrics](#) (IBB), announced that Wood County, OH selected its [PortalGuard IDaaS®](#) platform for improved security for desktop and application access and to meet regulatory and insurance compliance. PortalGuard was chosen through the County's competitive Request for Proposal vendor selection process.

Wood County requirements specified integration with Microsoft Azure Active Directory and seven on-premise Active Directory domains maintained by the County for 900 accounts, along with a desktop multi-factor authentication (MFA) solution to secure on-premise or remote workstation access. The County's IT team required flexible MFA options to provide alternatives to smart device authentication. PortalGuard IDaaS delivers a range of multi-factor authentication options, including PortalGuard Desktop, IBB, and FIDO security keys, enabling secure data access, a frictionless login experience, and reduced authentication fatigue. The County was also attracted to BIO-key's proven track record, superior quality and support, and solution-oriented customer service team.

"County Governments continue to select BIO-key over competitive solutions because of our broad array of MFA capabilities and our cost-effectiveness," said Mark Cochran, President of BIO-key – PortalGuard. "With PortalGuard IDaaS, County IT teams can enable enhanced security capabilities while improving the login experience for on-premise and remote users. A core strength of PortalGuard is providing our customers flexibility in applying strong security to all elements of their environment while supporting a passwordless authentication model."

About BIO-key International, Inc. (www.BIO-key.com)

BIO-key is revolutionizing authentication and cybersecurity with biometric-centric, multi-factor identity and access management (IAM) software managing millions of users. Its cloud-based PortalGuard IAM solution provides cost-effective, easy-to-deploy, convenient, and secure access to devices, information, applications, and high-value transactions. BIO-key's patented software and hardware solutions, with industry-leading Identity-Bound Biometric (IBB) capabilities, enable large-scale Identity-as-a-Service (IDaaS) solutions, as well as customized on-premises solutions.

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