



## University of Georgia's Abraham Baldwin Agricultural College Selects BIO-key's Cloud-Hosted PortalGuard® Platform for Secure, Flexible Access to Critical Applications

Tifton, GA & Wall, NJ – January 23, 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), today announced that the [Abraham Baldwin Agricultural College](#) (ABAC), one of 26 University System of Georgia members, has selected its [PortalGuard IDaaS®](#) platform. PortalGuard's cloud-based Identity as a Service (IDaaS) solution supports over 3 million users, including students, faculty, staff, and administration at over 200 higher education institutions. PortalGuard delivers the highest levels of security with unmatched integration flexibility and authentication options, including biometrics.

Massive amounts of data stored by colleges and universities make them frequent targets of cybercriminals. To protect it against these threats, ABAC sought to expand its enterprise-wide IAM framework to provide more secure and frictionless access to institutional systems and critical data. PortalGuard IDaaS significantly improves security with multi-factor authentication (MFA) and single sign-on (SSO) for campus-wide applications, such as Microsoft 365 and Ellucian Banner. PortalGuard also substantially reduces help desk costs with self-service password reset capabilities, delivering immediate return on investment.

"Universities and colleges generally want to promote an open culture which can create vulnerability to cyber attacks they're often not prepared to avoid," said Mark Cochran, President of BIO-key – PortalGuard. "BIO-key's robust PortalGuard IDaaS platform delivers a secure, flexible, and cost-effective solution to address these challenges."

### **About BIO-key International, Inc. ([www.BIO-key.com](http://www.BIO-key.com))**

BIO-key has over two decades of expertise in providing authentication technology for thousands of organizations and millions of users and is revolutionizing authentication with biometric-centric, multi-factor identity and access management (IAM) solutions, including its PortalGuard IAM solution that provides convenient and secure access to devices, information, applications, and high-value transactions. BIO-key's patented software and hardware solutions, with industry-leading biometric capabilities, enable large-scale on-premises and cloud-based Identity-as-a-Service (IDaaS) solutions, as well as customized enterprise solutions.

### **BIO-key Safe Harbor Statement**

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