



City of Brawley, CA Selects PortalGuard® Identity and Access Management Cloud Platform for Enhanced Web Application and Workstation Security

Brawley, CA and Wall, NJ – February 27, 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 the City of Brawley, CA selected its [PortalGuard IDaaS®](#) platform for improved security for web application and workstation access. The public sector continues to adopt BIO-key IAM solutions that support zero trust initiatives to protect critical data and information technology infrastructure and prevent cyber incidents.

Public sector organizations hold a wide array of sensitive information, making them highly sought targets for cybercriminals. Their data is attractive to hackers because it links vast amounts of information about citizens and other organizations through various platforms. Public sector information systems are also strained by rapid growth and the challenges of complex hybrid on-premises and cloud access, even as agencies face budgetary constraints. This creates increasing urgency and demand for security innovation and more cost-effective solutions such as BIO-key's PortalGuard IDaaS – an enterprise-grade, cloud-based IAM platform which includes cutting-edge biometric authentication security capabilities as part of a wide array of multi-factor options.

BIO-key's security consultants engaged with the City of Brawley's IT team to analyze its requirements and provide recommendations on how to apply the best authentication security methods to protect the City's constituents, employees, and data. The City's core requirements focused on secure access to critical systems and data. Enhancing workstation login security was another vital requirement satisfied by PortalGuard's Desktop integration with Microsoft Windows, which enabled the City's smart cards as the primary authentication method, as well as alternative authentication methods for improved flexibility and user experience. PortalGuard IDaaS's robust multi-factor authentication options, single sign-on, and full-featured self-service password reset capabilities support the City's users with secure authentication options and a frictionless experience, in a zero trust cybersecurity environment.

"BIO-key assists public sector organizations in implementing guidance provided by the Zero Trust Architecture team at the National Institute of Standards and Technology or NIST's [National Cybersecurity Center of Excellence](#)," said Mark Cochran, President of BIO-key – PortalGuard. "The public sector often chooses PortalGuard IDaaS over competitive solutions because of our unique ability to offer a wide range of highly secure authentication options at an attractive cost. Most government agencies we work with have limited IT budgets yet face a growing set of needs. This pressure makes ROI a high priority for investments in enhanced security. Our growing public sector success validates BIO-key's strength in delivering the best authentication security options while meeting budgetary constraints."

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

BIO-key is revolutionizing authentication with multi-factor identity and access management (IAM) solutions leveraging unique Identity-Bound Biometrics (IBB) capabilities for millions of users across

thousands of organizations worldwide. BIO-key's patented software, hardware, and industry-leading biometric capabilities enable large-scale, on-premises, and cloud-based Identity-as-a-Service (IDaaS) solutions, including PortalGuard and WEB-key, as well as customized enterprise solutions.

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