



## Orleans County, New York Selects BIO-key's PortalGuard® Identity and Access Platform to Enhance Security and Cybersecurity Insurance Compliance

Wall, NJ – January 5, 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 Orleans County, NY has selected its [PortalGuard IDaaS®](#) platform for improved data security and to achieve regulatory and insurance compliance. Increasing ransomware attacks targeting the public sector require proven IAM solutions like PortalGuard that enable secure and convenient access to mission-critical applications and data.

Orleans County required a user-friendly multi-factor authentication (MFA) solution that did not require the use of personal phones or the expense of the \$60 per month/user stipend. The County's IT team achieved this goal of enhancing workstation login security by using BIO-key's [IBB](#) solution as the primary authentication method for Microsoft Windows access. The solution also met the County's cyber insurance requirements. Incorporating PortalGuard's multiple authentication options, particularly BIO-key's biometric [FIDO](#) security keys, delivers much more user-friendly and secure protection against cyber security threats.

The County had access to an existing competitive solution but chose not to expand its current use because of cost and limitations in supporting the County's overall needs. Using PortalGuard, the County gains strong IAM security controls with Multi-Factor Authentication, Self-service Password Reset (SSPR), and Single Sign-On (SSO) capabilities, all with an efficient, easy, and frictionless user experience.

"We are proud to help county leaders protect critical government operations, data, and constituents," said Mark Cochran, President of BIO-key – PortalGuard. "The strong and flexible IAM security delivered by BIO-key's solutions enables our customers to meet the increasing challenges of today's threat landscape. Because of its superior convenience and affordability, we continue to experience strong demand from county governments across the U.S. for PortalGuard over competitive solutions."

### **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.

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