



## Six US County Governments Select BIO-key's PortalGuard® Identity and Access Platform to Provide Cybersecurity Resilience

**Wall, NJ – October 20, 2022** – [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 six county governments in KS, VA, NM, FL, SD, and NY have recently selected its [PortalGuard IDaaS®](#) platform for improved data security and regulatory and insurance compliance. County governments are facing a cascade of ransomware attacks targeting the public sector, so they require proven IAM solutions like PortalGuard that enable secure and convenient access to devices, information, applications, and transactions.

In partnership with the National Association of Counties (NACo) and the New York State Association of Counties (NYSAC), BIO-key is proud to help educate county leaders on the most imminent cyber security threats and baseline cyber defense strategies to protect their governments and constituents. County Governments are selecting PortalGuard over competitive solutions because of its flexible multi-factor authentication (MFA) capabilities and tight integration with highly secure Identity-Bound Biometrics.

Incorporating BIO-key's multiple biometric authentication options, which confirm each user's true identity instead of merely validating their hardware device, delivers much more robust protection against cyber security threats – while providing very user-friendly means to access county systems and data. The combination of BIO-key's [PIV-Pro](#) fingerprint readers, a highly accurate [FIPS 201](#) compliant scanner for office users, and BIO-key's [MobileAuth](#) application with PalmPositive biometric palm authentication for remote users, provides counties with very flexible options that ensure a successful implementation of advanced security capabilities.

"It is no surprise that the dangers relating to cybersecurity are constantly evolving, and the stakes are high," said Mark Cochran, President of BIO-key – PortalGuard. "We assist county governments in delivering successful security solutions to prevent cyberattacks and better protect citizens, businesses, and critical infrastructure. County governments across the US are seeking flexible and cost-effective approaches to implementing highly-scalable and redundant IAM solutions. BIO-key's PortalGuard has proven security capabilities that provide our customers with superior convenience and affordability while ensuring that only authorized users are granted access to county data."

### **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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