



Audrain County, Missouri Selects PortalGuard Identity and Access Control Platform to Provide Data Security, Regulatory & Insurance Compliance for its Hybrid Workforce

Wall, NJ – January 11, 2022 - [BIO-key International, Inc.](https://www.bio-key.com) (NASDAQ: BKYI), an innovative provider of workforce and customer identity and access management (IAM) solutions featuring Identity-Bound Biometrics (IBB), today announced [Audrain County](#), MO has selected its PortalGuard IAM platform, including WEB-key biometric authentication, to provide its hybrid workforce with a unified approach to meet their compliance requirements for securing access to mission-critical applications and data.

Audrain County is leveraging the PortalGuard platform to unify its identity control and to support compliance with cybersecurity insurance requirements. PortalGuard was selected over competitive solutions because of its combined IAM security capabilities and high degree of flexibility and scalability. The County's IT team chose to apply enhanced security to their enterprise systems by also incorporating BIO-key's WEB-key biometric authentication solution to prove each user's true identity instead of merely validating their hardware device. WEB-key also eliminated the need for employees to use their personal mobile devices to authenticate to county IT systems. PortalGuard provides the County with a unified user experience with modern security controls across all its enterprise resources while also supporting its complex user access scenarios effectively and efficiently.

"Considering that today's cyber and data security threats are tomorrow's insurance claims, all organizations must take proactive steps to implement a modern IAM solution that is both effective and compliant," said Mark Cochran, President of BIO-key – PortalGuard. "Our growing base of county government customers validate that PortalGuard and WEB-key offer the best blend of advanced security capabilities with the flexibility that organizations require to meet their compliance requirements without negatively impacting the user experience."

About BIO-key International, Inc. (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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