



Grand Rapids Community College Selects PortalGuard to Secure Application and Data Access Across All Campuses

Grand Rapids, MI & Wall, NJ – November 30, 2021 - [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 [Grand Rapids Community College](#) (GRCC) has selected its PortalGuard IAM solution to provide its users with strong authentication security and seamless access to mission-critical applications and data at its campuses located throughout western Michigan.

GRCC sought a replacement for its current SSO solution to improve user satisfaction by eliminating password fatigue, to allow users consistent access to all applications including PeopleSoft and Blackboard using a single set of credentials, and to strengthen security with multi-factor authentication (MFA) options. PortalGuard met GRCC IT team requirements such as assisting first-time users with onboarding, protecting against potential brute force attacks/failed sign-in attempts, and enhancing remote access security with adaptive authentication capabilities for off-campus login attempts. In addition, PortalGuard's ability to handle multiple security standards, support a high volume of users (400,000+), and connect to multiple user repositories were essential in GRCC's selection process.

"GRCC chose PortalGuard in a competitive bidding process due to significant security capabilities and value over other vendor solutions," said Mark Cochran, President of BIO-key - PortalGuard. "Organizations require a comprehensive IAM solution that will reduce risk, avoid IT infrastructure cost and complexity, accelerate digital transformation, and free up IT staff to focus on core business initiatives. Our customers are utilizing the PortalGuard IAM platform to strengthen security by eliminating risky password management practices and applying advanced adaptive authentication technology to reduce vulnerabilities and attack surfaces."

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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