



BIO-key's PortalGuard Identity and Access Control Platform Adds New Mexico's Rio Arriba County to Growing List of County Government Customers Throughout the US

BIO-key's PIV-Pro fingerprint readers selected for office users and WEB-key's MobileAuth with PalmPositive Application for remote users

Wall, NJ – February 7, 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 in partnership with [iT1](#) that [Rio Arriba County](#), NM has selected its PortalGuard IAM platform, including WEB-key biometric authentication, to deliver cost-effective, modern security controls for access to all its enterprise resources and mission-critical applications. The County also chose BIO-key's PIV-Pro fingerprint readers, a highly accurate FIPS 201 compliant scanner for its office users, and remote users will use WEB-key's MobileAuth application with PalmPositive for biometric palm authentication. PortalGuard provides the County with a secure IAM approach to support its hybrid workforce and a large variety of user access scenarios.

Rio Arriba County selected PortalGuard to provide strong multi-factor authentication (MFA) access control and support compliance with cybersecurity insurance requirements. PortalGuard was selected over competitive solutions because of its flexible MFA capabilities and tight integration with highly secure Identity-Bound Biometrics. The County's IT team chose to incorporate WEB-key's multiple biometric authentication options to prove each user's true identity instead of merely validating their hardware device, as this delivers much stronger protection against cyber security threats while also providing a quick and user-friendly means to access county systems.

"iT1 partnered with BIO-key to address our customers' need for a flexible, cost-effective, and proven identity and access management solution," said Zim Jackson, Partner Program Manager, iT1. "Additionally, it was important for us to partner with a group that could extend the quality of customer support our customers expect. Being selected by the Rio Arriba County government to provide a trusted IAM platform demonstrates the strength of our combined capabilities."

"Our partnership with iT1 provides valuable IAM solutions to County governments that are dealing with a cascade of ransomware attacks targeting the public sector at the same time they are struggling to provide and manage more services online during the COVID-19 pandemic," said Mark Cochran, President of BIO-key – PortalGuard. "The landscape is changing quite rapidly right now, and we are proud to deliver the best blend of advanced IAM capabilities to County governments that provide superior convenience, affordability, and ensure that only authorized users access County systems and data. RIO Arriba represents the fifth new county government customer we've added from five different states, in the last two months. Our growing traction in this market is a direct reflection of the security, ease of deployment, and value our solutions provide."

About iT1 Source (<https://it1.com>)

iT1 is a global technology solution provider headquartered in Tempe, AZ. Our core capabilities include virtualization, data management, communications, networking, professional and managed services, and corporate procurement. The company serves over 3,000 active accounts in virtually every industry, including healthcare, finance, retail, and manufacturing, as well as Federal, state, local, and education (SLED) agencies. Our mission is to provide value-driven services in the design and implementation of customized technology solutions for our clients, allowing them to achieve their stated business goals. We strive to build long-term client relationships based on expertise, excellence in service, and the highest ethical standards.

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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