



**BIO-key to Showcase PortalGuard IDaaS Identity Platform at Booth 302
at National Association of Counties Annual Conference July 8-12 and Participate in
Panel: “Redefining Connectivity to Protect Your Employees, Contractors, and Citizens”**

Cybersecurity Remains a Top Priority for County Officials

Wall, NJ - July 8, 2021 - [BIO-key International, Inc.](#) (NASDAQ: BKYI), an innovative provider of workforce and customer identity and access management (IAM) solutions featuring Identity-Bound Biometrics, today announced the company will be a sponsor and exhibitor at the National Association of Counties (NACo) Annual Conference, to be held at the National Harbor in Prince George’s County, Maryland from July 8-12. BIO-key will be available for meetings with customers, Q&A sessions, and live demonstrations of their award-winning [PortalGuard IDaaS platform](#) at booth 302. In addition, Kimberly Johnson, VP of Product at BIO-key, will be a featured expert panelist on “Redefining Connectivity to Protect Your Employees, Contractors, and Citizens” during the NACo CIO Forum & Technology Summit on July 8th.

Surveys reveal that county officials face a constant threat of cyberattacks such as ransomware and phishing while managing the impact of the current pandemic environment on how employees collaborate and connect with citizens and suppliers. These challenges have elevated cybersecurity to a top priority for attendees at this year’s conference. To its credit, NACo is advocating multi-factor authentication (MFA) as a best-practice for all members, but warns that costs can be in the hundreds of thousands of dollars per county. BIO-key’s proven PortalGuard IAM solutions are available to member counties at a fraction of the cost of less-capable, mainstream MFA solutions, and can be implemented in an IDaaS model to control infrastructure investments and exposure. Cost and implementation overhead don’t have to be limiting factors when counties implement key cyber defense measures.

Attendees are invited to stop by booth 302 for live demonstrations of BIO-key's PortalGuard solutions and to discuss [top county cybersecurity priorities](#), including:

- MFA
- Single Sign-on (SSO) for cloud, SaaS and thick client applications
- Self-service password reset
- Simplified secure user experiences
- Election security

During the demonstrations, attendees will see how BIO-key PortalGuard was designed from the ground up to offer the end-to-end flexibility to support counties’ dynamic cybersecurity strategies. BIO-key PortalGuard offers a wide range of flexible options for connecting user and constituent directories, providing diverse multi-factor authentication choices, and is the only IAM provider of Identity-Bound Biometrics, which are phish-proof and provide absolute certainty who is accessing critical systems by preventing unauthorized delegation and account takeover.

“For over ten years, BIO-key has been focused on helping counties secure access for their employees, citizens, and contractors,” said Fred Corsentino, Chief Revenue Officer of BIO-key

International. “Now, more than ever, we’re excited to attend and sponsor this event at such a critical time when counties require solutions to protect against breaches, eliminate passwords, lower costs, and improve productivity for their IT teams.”

To learn more about BIO-key's IAM solutions for counties please [visit BIO-key's website](#).

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, multifactor identity and access management (IAM) solutions. 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 Identity-as-a-Service (IDaaS) solutions as well as customized enterprise and cloud solutions.

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