



BIO-key's Channel Alliance Partnership with UVS Infotech Opens Doors in Maryland and Virginia Higher Education Markets along with National Federal Government Projects

Wall, New Jersey – May 24, 2021 - [BIO-key International, Inc.](#) (NASDAQ: BKYI), an innovative provider of identity and access management (IAM) solutions featuring biometrics, today announced that its channel alliance partnership with leading Managed Service Provider [UVS Infotech](#) is providing a gateway for BIO-key to expand the company's presence within the higher education community and federal government agencies.

UVS Infotech has added the BIO-key PortalGuard IAM solution to the IT Security Services and Solutions Master Contract of the Maryland Education Enterprise Consortium (MEEC). The MEEC consists of over 200 educational institutions and offers centrally coordinated and negotiated procurement opportunities for its member organizations to gain economic advantage and value in the acquisition of products and services that are beneficial to the educational enterprise. The two partners have already begun bidding on projects and are jointly participating in RFP's. More than 190+ educational institutions worldwide trust BIO-key's PortalGuard IAM solution to provide enterprise-grade authentication and self-service capabilities in the cloud (IDaaS) or on-premises.

Beyond their presence in Maryland, UVS is a Master Agent in Virginia and is recognized by the Virginia Community College System (VCCS), which comprises 23 community colleges. BIO-key and UVS plan to introduce their joint value solutions to the VA market soon. In addition, UVS is also a minority-owned and operated 8(a) certified business. The 8(a) certification allows UVS to participate in "sole sourced" federal government technology projects under \$4M.

"Our organization is partnering with BIO-key to address a topic that's front of mind for every customer; security," states Sam Singh, Managing Partner, UVS Infotech. "BIO-key offers a tested and proven suite of IAM solutions that are flexible to accommodate customer-specific password and authentication requirements. Furthermore, we anticipate that their biometric authentication solutions, including the new Palm Positive mobile app, will be well received by our government customers."

"BIO-key has an extensive footprint in higher education and also extensive experience managing highly sensitive government projects of all sizes," states Mark Cochran, President, BIO-key PortalGuard. "We look forward to working together with UVS to help the members of MEEC and VCCS solve their security and identity and access management challenges. Our higher education customers have found that our solutions are positioned to deliver rapid value. Additionally, we're equally excited about partnering with UVS on federal opportunities and leveraging our 20+ years of experience in successfully delivering government projects."

About UVS Infotech LLC (www.uvsit.net)

UVS Infotech is a leader in current and emerging Enterprise Technologies and provides turnkey solutions for Higher Education, Federal, State, Local, and Commercial Organizations across the United States. The Laurel, Maryland-based IT System Integrator was founded in 2012 by Senior Directors of the University of Maryland with the objective of reducing the IT cost by leveraging the repeatable process-driven approach, cutting edge technology (Artificial Intelligence, Blockchain, and Robotics).

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. 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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