

Nonprofit Healthcare Organization with a Global Workforce Simplifies Security and Access to Enterprise Applications with BIO-key

Wall, NJ, September 14, 2020 - <u>BIO-key International, Inc.</u> (NASDAQ: BKYI), an innovative provider of identity and access management (IAM) solutions powered by biometrics, today announced that <u>Partners in Health (PIH)</u>, a Boston-based nonprofit health care organization, selected BIO-key's PortalGuard Identity and Access Management (IAM) solution to address their ongoing challenges with password resets and to improve authentication options to secure access to critical enterprise applications.

PIH provides medical care and support in areas where the cost of healthcare is prohibitive to the community or geographic region. PIH considers quality health care as a universal human right and fights injustice, around the world, by providing care first to those who need it most.

One of the primary challenges the PIH IT staff faced was managing password resets for a global userbase often located in remote areas. Additionally, a portion of the mobile users did not have access to smartphones, cellular coverage, or the internet, so a flexible IAM solution was required to offer options to authenticate users securely. The initial scope of the project was to provide the userbase with an easy to deploy and user-friendly self-service password reset solution to improve access and security to applications. The project scope expanded to include the deployment of a single sign-on solution for PIH employees to access Office 365, Zoom, Salesforce, Atlassian, and several proprietary applications.

"Deploying advanced access management capabilities to a remote global userbase comes with extraordinary challenges and requires a well-architected security product," stated Mark Cochran, President of PortalGuard. "Inefficient password management processes create security risks, cause work stoppages, and can negatively affect the user experience. In healthcare, access to patient records and being able to process medical transactions is critical. PortalGuard was the perfect IAM solution to help PIH quickly and easily manage an international group of employees with unique needs and lower its operational costs."

About BIO-key International, Inc. (www.bio-key.com)

BIO-key is revolutionizing authentication with biometric solutions that enable convenient and secure access to devices, information, applications, and high-value transactions. BIO-key's software and hardware finger scanning solutions offer secure, user-friendly, and attractively-priced alternatives to passwords, PINs, tokens, and security cards, that enable enterprises and consumers to secure their networks and devices as well as their data in the cloud.

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