

## NY Regional Bank Selects BIO-key Biometric Authentication to Comply with New York State Department of Financial Services Cybersecurity Law

**Wall, NJ, October 4, 2018** - <u>BIO-key International, Inc.</u> (NASDAQ: BKYI), an innovative provider of biometric authentication and security solutions, today announced a regional bank serving customers throughout Long Island and neighboring New York City boroughs, has selected BIO-key to provide an integrated multifactor biometric sign-in solution for use by its employees accessing computer devices and connected applications. The BIO-key solutions are intended to ensure compliance with the multifactor authentication requirements of the <u>New York State Department of Financial Services Cybersecurity</u> <u>Requirements for Financial Services Companies – (23 NYCRR 500)</u>.

The bank selected BIO-key's <u>ID Director</u> software solution to add secure and convenient fingerprint biometric authentication to their Windows platform. ID Director integrates with Microsoft's Active Directory network access platform, delivering biometric single sign-in capabilities enabling employees to securely access banking applications, email, fraud and risk management applications such as Verafin and Centrix, and the KACE systems management ticketing system.

The bank is also integrating BIO-key's highly accurate, Federal Information Processing Standard Publication 201 (FIPS 201) compliant <u>PIV-Pro</u> fingerprint scanners to secure access to each computing device.

BIO-key Chairman and CEO, Mike DePasquale, commented, "Regulatory compliance is a compelling driver for implementing cybersecurity solutions in highly regulated industries. We are also learning that banks and other financial institutions are increasingly recognizing that adjusting passwords from eight to fourteen characters is not the answer to their complex security needs. Specifically, many companies are finding longer passwords actually inhibit workflow and sound business practices, motivating them to consider more secure and less cumbersome multi-factor authentication including biometrics.

"We are pleased to have been selected for this deployment and look forward to providing the bank with our secure, yet convenient multi-factor authentication solutions to support their objective of maintaining compliance with the New York State Department of Financial Services Cybersecurity Law," added DePasquale.

## About BIO-key International, Inc. (<u>www.bio-key.com</u>)

BIO-key is revolutionizing authentication with <u>biometric solutions</u> that enable convenient and secure access to information and high-stakes transactions. We offer alternatives to passwords, PINs, tokens, and cards to make it easy for enterprises and consumers to secure their devices as well as information in the cloud. Our premium <u>finger scanning devices</u> offer market-leading quality, performance and price. BIO-key also brings the power and ease of use of biometric technology to its <u>TouchLock line</u> of biometric and Bluetooth enabled padlocks - providing even more ways to BIO-key your world!

## **BIO-key Safe Harbor Statement**

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