

Two Florida County Election Boards Select BIO-key

Fingerprint Authentication to Protect Integrity of Voting Process

Wall, NJ, October 10, 2018 - <u>BIO-key International, Inc.</u> (NASDAQ: BKYI), an innovative provider of biometric authentication and security solutions, today announced that two County Election Boards' in Florida have selected BIO-key's ID Director for Windows software and its EcoID fingerprint biometric readers to enhance security of its identification and authentication process for staff members and volunteers involved in managing the voting process.

Concerns about vote tampering, fraud and possible security breaches have caused the results of recent elections across the country to be questioned. As a result of these concerns, Board of Elections managers have become focused on ways to securely identify and authenticate those granted access to voting machine data, systems and networks. Earlier this year, such concerns resulted in proposed legislation in the United States Congress which sought to fund grant programs to enhance state election security in upcoming elections.

Mike DePasquale, Chairman & CEO, BIO-key commented, "We are proud to protect the integrity of the election process for these counties. We believe BIO-key's unique, cost effective blend of software and hardware biometric solutions represents a very attractive option for all jurisdictions seeking to enhance the security of their electoral process.

"This initial deployment in voting systems, builds off BIO-key's more than a decade of experience providing biometric authentication solutions for high-level government applications. This voting systems application, focused on poll workers and volunteers, is similar to much larger deployments of our solutions in enterprises and government agencies across the US where it is essential to securely authenticate each individual prior to their being granted access to high value data."

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

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!

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