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Media Release

Secure Network Systems Releases Modular Credential Issuance

- **Portable and fixed-location identity credential issuance system conforms to PIV standards**
- **Upgradable, modular system allows jurisdictions to add function incrementally**

Boulder, CO - April 26, 2006 - Secure Network Systems is announcing the general availability of the new SNS Credential Issuance™ system facilitating the design and production of personalized identity credentials, and encoding of related smart cards.

Starting with the design of a card, data entry form, and report format, the system allows rapid production of color two-sided badges with photos, bar codes, logos, and various graphical fields. Using plain PVC card stock, the starter system is applicable for Volunteers, Visitors, VIPs, Press, and other short-term support personnel. The system retains the information and photos which can be queried and formatted into reports which are highly useful during and after an incident.

Adding in smart card functionality happens through SNS's Write-IMPACT™ program, which supports multi-function contact and contactless smart cards. The degree of rigor in protecting information stored on the card can be logarithmically escalated through usage of approved cryptographic algorithms, increasing the strength of encryption with little performance impact. Capturing of biometrics and secure storage on the card is useful for verification of identity without storage of the biometric in a database, greatly increasing security and privacy. Industry standard biometrics support includes fingerprint, facial recognition, iris scanning, and hand geometry, with support for many others easily added.

The critical step of identity proofing is accomplished through NIST's Personal Identity Verification (PIV) Part 1 standard methods, ensuring that the individual who receives the credential has successfully completed a background check. Identity documents are scanned and can be stored as an image, and optical character recognition can populate the data entry form to save operator time. The included set of modular project templates allows simple selection criteria to yield different badge designs and color schemes, change logos, and use alternate card stock through a single interface.

A growing number of Credential Issuance systems have been piloted across jurisdictions in Colorado to date, spanning large rollouts to smaller county entities. Some have started with Volunteer/Visitor stations and later upgraded to smart card functionality.

Glenn Ohrns, Elbert County, Colorado Public Health Bioterrorism Coordinator said "The SNS Credential Issuance system is flexible enough to accommodate multi-county public health organizations and many different departments within Elbert County, each with their own needs and information requirements. We have utilized the system to produce IDs for our Fire, Police, Elections and Public Health officials and have been called into larger Regional exercises and incidents."

"Secure, reliable credential issuance is the underpinning of an effective unified access control and identity management system", said Betty Pierce, President of SNS. "Our goal is to provide superior functionality and security in the most inexpensive manner possible, with strong authentication, and overall lower risk across an entire organization."

SNS Credential Issuance and Write-IMPACT are being showcased at the GovSec, U.S. Law and Ready! 2006 conference in Washington, DC on April 26 and 27 at the Washington Convention Center.

Pricing and availability

Volunteer/Visitor Credential Issuance stations are priced at under \$10,000 and are now shipping. SNS offers a range of product integration services, including policy development, identity management consulting and badge design through in-house experts and skilled partners to customize each system to specific customer requirements.

About Secure Network Systems

Secure Network Systems is an emerging leader in the converged IT/network and physical security market with a strong background in solving difficult problems and delivering world-class solutions. SNS has distinguished itself through delivery of innovative results that encompass people, processes, and technologies, improving the overall security posture. SNS employees are dedicated to providing products and services that help protect and defend the American way of life.

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