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Media Release

Secure Network Systems Receives GSA Approval for FIPS 201 Compliant Product

- **SNS Credential Issuance™ System complies with the most stringent Federal security standard that exists today**
- **Rapidly creates secure Personal Identity Verification credentials, a requirement for October compliance mandate**

Boulder, CO - August 7, 2006 – Continuing to expand its products and services that help protect and defend the American way of life, Secure Network Systems (SNS) has received approval from the United States Government's General Services Administration (GSA) and is now listed on the Approved Products List for FIPS 201 compliance.

FIPS 201 is the Federal Information Processing Standard covering Personal Identity Verification (PIV) for Federal employees and contractors. "We are pleased to be the first package to be validated as interoperable by the GSA for FIPS 201 for the PIV Card Printing Station category, said Betty Pierce, President of SNS. "As we have proven performance in production environments dating back two years plus, our ability to become certified by the GSA is an endorsement of our flexible, high-performance system."

The SNS Credential Issuance™ System has been utilized in the Emergency Management and Public Health arenas since 2004, and has been utilized successfully in exercises and actual incidents, some of which have involved very challenging environments. The multi-purpose system allows creation of full color badge credentials for visitors, volunteers, and evacuees through to comprehensive PIV I and II credential issuance utilizing smart cards and biometrics. The ability of the system to be transported and setup within 15 minutes, coupled with 15 minute training for operator usage, stems from SNS's heritage in incident response. The system can also be housed in a fixed-location facility, and expansion of the system by adding more units enables rapid issuance of secure credentials to accommodate surges of cardholders over time.

Other elements of the SNS family of offerings are queued up for GSA approval, and partnerships with GSA approved vendors round out the end-to-end FIPS 201 solution. With the upcoming October 27th, 2006 mandate for Federal Agencies to deploy products and operational systems to issue identity credentials meeting the FIPS 201 standard, the cost-effective solution family can be ordered, shipped, installed, and operators trained in a matter of weeks not months.

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

Lyle Moore, Emergency Response Coordinator for Jefferson County Department of Health in Golden, CO said "The SNS Credential Issuance station has proven to be a reliable way to quickly capture photos and enter personalization information for creation of credential cards. Recently we successfully utilized the system to create cards for volunteers that spanned from medical practitioners to traffic control personnel, as well as observers of the exercise. The system was set up as a part of registration at the Department Operations Center to identify volunteers being sent to the two Points of Dispensing sites that provided vaccinations to over 400 individuals on the day of the event. This system was of tremendous help in identifying authorized workers from those being vaccinated, providing a piece of the security we would need in a real emergency."

Researching and developing converged IT/network and physical security solutions since 1999, SNS was pleased when Homeland Security Presidential Directive-12 (HSPD-12) was announced on August 27th, 2004, with the goal of secure and reliable forms of identification issued by accredited providers for mandatory access control to both computer and physical facilities. The FIPS 201 standard was created by the US National Institute of Standards and Technology (NIST). SNS had already been studying NIST internal reports regarding smart card specifications for interoperability, and thus the mature solutions family from SNS has evolved over a substantial amount of time as compared to the relatively young standard.

The SNS Credential Issuance system and the full SNS product line for converged IT/network and physical systems security are being showcased in Colorado Springs, CO August 9-11, 2006. Please contact SNS for additional information and to enroll in your choice of date for the sessions.

Pricing and availability

Entry-level SNS 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.

SNS Credential Issuance is a trademark of Secure Network Systems LLC.