

## Secure Network Systems, LLC CRITSEC® Receives FICAM Approval for Physical Access Control System (PACS)

*CRITSEC® with HID Global Products meet rigorous FICAM testing requirements for U.S. Government agencies*

Boulder, CO. – September 23, 2014 – Secure Network Systems, LLC announces that our CRITSEC® end-to-end physical access control system with high assurance readers and validation software has been approved as a fully compliant FICAM Solution by the U.S. General Services Administration.

The approval means that CRITSEC® from Secure Network Systems, LLC (SNS), along with HID Global pivCLASS® readers and validation software now meet the rigorous testing requirements and comply with the FICAM standards of the GSA's FIPS 201 Approved Product List (APL). Products were subjected to numerous tests to ensure that the system correctly performs the multiple validation functions including biometric, PIN, certificate, signature, card expiration and certificate revocation checks and is not prone to credential spoofing or other types of unauthorized access that could compromise the security of the system. See: <http://www.idmanagement.gov/physical-access-control-system-pacs-approved-products-list>

“One of the few solutions now passed the FICAM testing, CRITSEC® patented technology is the only product manufactured by an SBA-certified 8(a) small disadvantaged veteran and women-owned business”, stated Melani Hernoud, CEO of SNS. “We are pleased to be able to provide the CRITSEC® Integrated Physical / Logical Access Control System (IPLACS) solution to the federal government. CRITSEC® meets every aspect of the HSPD-12 standards and exceeds in some key areas that provide significant advantage to agencies seeking not only to be compliant but also truly leverage their technology investments.”

The SNS CRITSEC® converged platform blends IT/Network and Physical systems security and enables risk-based authentication enforcement appropriate to the defined security zones. Designed specifically to unify the ability to mitigate risk from all hazards, enterprises can now enforce unified governance through consistent policy to protect all assets and utilize shared services like Directory Services that are already in place. Position your agency's security stance to utilize PIV credentials for logical and physical access with the OMB M-11-11 and normative FICAM directives today and grow into the future, while leveraging your current investments for optimal ROI.

The end-to-end FICAM approved solution includes several HID Global pivCLASS products, including pivCLASS Registration Engine, pivCLASS Certificate Manager, pivCLASS Reader Services, pivCLASS Authentication Modules (PAM), pivCLASS IDPublisher, as well as pivCLASS RP40 and RPKCL40 readers. The entire end-to-end system can be procured through Secure Network Systems and Certified Approved Partners and Distributors.

“We have worked closely with Secure Network Systems to achieve FICAM approval for this comprehensive solution,” said Eric Widlitz, managing director, North America, with HID Global. “The integration of our pivCLASS products into the CRITSEC® platform gives users an easy way to support strong authentication and meet the assurance level requirements defined in federal guidelines, while maintaining the flexibility to transitionally support legacy cards along with PIV IDs and other variants of the FIPS-201 standard.”

“The FIPS 201 Evaluation Program has spent the past couple years revamping every part of the testing program for physical access systems. In its present form, it is arguably the most robust and rigorous information technology centric physical access testing in the world,” said Chi Hickey, Program Manager for FIPS 201 Evaluation Program, GSA Information Assurance and Trusted Access Division. “Only rigorous testing provides a reasonable basis for confidence in the access control of the federal governments' buildings and other assets. I am very pleased to announce Secure Network Systems, LLC, in concert with HID, as the first new GSA APL certified end-to-end system from an SBA-certified 8(a) manufacturer .”

These products will now be listed on the APL and can be found online at [www.idmanagement.gov](http://www.idmanagement.gov) For more information about CRITSEC® and Secure Network Systems, LLC please see [www.securenetworksystems.com](http://www.securenetworksystems.com)

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### ***About Secure Network Systems, LLC.***

Secure Network Systems™ is a U.S. developer and manufacturer of high-quality security solutions. Focused in the converged IT/Network and Physical Security arena, SNS has a proven background in elegantly solving difficult problems for clients large and small, spanning many industries, each with diverse needs and constraints. SNS is a GSA-certified HSPD-12 'Complete End-to-end Solution Provider', see: <http://www.idmanagement.gov/qualified-hspd-12-service-providers>. With a strong heritage of delivering world-class solutions, the individuals that comprise the core team possess decades of experience across multiple security disciplines. SNS's substantial R&D initiatives and advanced thinking have been shaped by the brightest security minds which comprise our Advisory Board, and has resulted in a revolutionary new security product family, CRITSEC®.

From the foundational level, SNS employs a comprehensive, risk-based approach to managing all of an organization's assets, leveraging accepted best practices and innovative solutions resulting in customer satisfaction, even delight. SNS has built a partner ecosystem to ensure effective solutions that encompass people/process/technology aspects as well as unify risk management across physical and cyber security realms are intelligently deployed. SNS has distinguished itself through the delivery of innovative security solutions that interlink layered defenses to effectively improve an organization's overall security risk posture in a cost-conscious manner.

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