

## **US Government Department Selects Intercede's MyID Technology**

Intercede, in collaboration with Cybertrust and other partners, has been selected to deliver a solution to enable an executive US Government Department to meet the deadlines for Personal Identity Verification (PIV), as specified in Homeland Security Presidential Directive 12 (HSPD-12). The first fully compliant PIV card using this solution was successfully produced by the Agency on October 26, 2006.

The Department's decision to use Intercede's MyID technology in its HSPD-12 solution follows the similar selection by the US Environmental Protection Agency, announced on 9 October 2006. Intercede is currently working with a number of partners, including a large HSPD-12 service provider, for the provision of additional PIV solutions to a range of other US Federal agencies.

"We are delighted to be teaming with acknowledged market leaders to deliver one of the first, fully operational HSPD-12 deployments to a significant US Federal Government Agency. Along with our partners, Intercede is committed to making HSPD-12 a success across US Government," said Richard Parris, Chairman & Chief Executive of Intercede. He further added "I was pleased to be in Washington last week to celebrate with a number of Agencies who used Intercede's MyID technology to meet their HSPD-12 deadlines"

"This is a perfect example of a federal agency that, by combining government-approved products with leading solutions providers, has met its compliance challenge head-on," said Stijn Bijmens, senior vice president of identity management, Cybertrust. "We're pleased to work with partners like Intercede on this project."

### **About HSPD-12**

HSPD-12 is one of the most important and high profile security directives of recent years. It required, firstly, the creation of an official federal standard (FIPS-201) for Personal Identity Verification (PIV), which would prescribe technologies and processes for the effective vetting and access control of all federal employees and contractors. The second requirement of HSPD-12 was for every US Federal Agency to have implemented a PIV solution by October 27, 2006, with all employees and contractors required to have a personal FIPS-201 compliant, smart card based, PIV identity card one year later. Each of these cards will be issued and managed using a management system such as MyID.

All HSPD-12 solutions must by mandate only incorporate products that have been exhaustively tested against by the US General Services Administration (GSA), and included in the GSA's Approved Product List for PIV products. Intercede announced on 4 October 2006 that it had become the first product in its category to achieve this coveted status.

It is estimated that almost 8 million identity cards will be issued under this programme. Industry analysts Stanford Group estimate the total value of the programme to be worth approximately US\$1.3 billion.

### **About Intercede**

Intercede Group plc is a leading developer and supplier of smart card and identity management software listed on the London Stock Exchange (IGP LN) (IGP.L). The Group's MyID software manages the secure registration, issuance and lifecycle of digital identities for a wide range of uses. This requires the integration of multiple technologies and products from many different vendors, including smart cards, biometrics, digital certificates and Open Platform applets.

Intercede works with a number of market leading OEM, re-seller and technology partners that supply MyID technology including: Athena Smartcard Solutions, Gemalto, RSA Security, SafeNet, Thales, VeriSign and a variety of systems integrators and other security product and service providers.

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