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Leading Manufacturer Implements Vanguard's Enterprise Authentication Software to Centralize User Access Control

Vanguard Authenticator™ Extends the Security of RACF® to the Entire Enterprise

LAS VEGAS – December 2nd, 2008 – Vanguard Integrity Professionals, Inc., a global provider of enterprise security software, announced that a leading manufacturer of electrical hardware, fittings and connectors has selected Vanguard Authenticator™ and Vanguard ezSignon™, a highly secure user authentication solution for multi-platform enterprise environments, as the key solution to integrate security for its critical network and mainframe computing environments.

Designed as part of Vanguard's Access Management Solutions suite, this middleware enables organizations to control authentication across the entire IT infrastructure from a central, trusted location, making it easier to manage user access, reducing IT administration costs and ensuring overall enterprise security. Vanguard's Access Management Solutions, along with Vanguard's security administration, auditing and reporting tools, provide a comprehensive solution to simplify security management.

Vanguard's Access Management Solutions provide an architecture where users have a single password to access systems, applications and devices across the enterprise. The software centralizes authentication on z/OS Security Server

(RACF®), the most trusted security system in the enterprise, to process authentication requests from operating systems such as Windows, Novell, Sun Solaris®, HP-UX™, Red Hat Linux®, and AIX®; from any device that supports LDAP, TACACS+, and RADIUS; in addition to any other software using Vanguard's proprietary authentication protocol.

"We believe that centralizing security on the mainframe, especially with the tools for administration and authentication provided by Vanguard, gives us the best system to ensure integrity across the enterprise. Having one integrated security infrastructure with one set of tools for monitoring and reporting will help us lower costs as well as ensure compliance," said a spokesperson for the manufacturer.

By authenticating access through RACF, each user only has to remember a single password while the software ensures secure access management across network routers, switches, applications, and operating systems. When a user leaves the company or has their access changed, Vanguard Authenticator enables administrators to deactivate the user once and immediately suspend all access throughout the enterprise. In addition, the software can be configured for multiple back-ends to provide failover support.

"Enterprises that deploy Vanguard Authenticator will significantly reduce their organization's exposure to unauthorized access by controlling enterprise-wide authentication from a single secure location," said Brian Marshall, Director of Product Development and Delivery, Vanguard. "Plus, Vanguard Authenticator is inexpensive to deploy and maintain because configuration and administration is easy and there is immediate support for hundreds of devices."

By mitigating risks, decreasing authentication exposures, expenses, and streamlining administration of users, Vanguard Authenticator helps enterprises maximize IT investments and reduces total cost of ownership.

Vanguard Authenticator is available now as a software-only Windows Server-based solution or as a turnkey appliance offering even easier setup and maintenance. For more information, visit www.go2vanguard.com or call (888) 547-3976.

About Vanguard Integrity Professionals

Vanguard Integrity Professionals provides enterprise security software and services that solve complex security and regulatory compliance challenges for government agencies and Fortune 500 companies around the world. With solutions for Identity and Access Management, Audit and Compliance, Security Administration, and Intrusion Detection, Vanguard automates processes necessary to identify and mitigate the risks customers face. Vanguard's customers receive a rapid return on investment and are able to focus on other critical business needs thereby becoming more productive and more secure. For more information, visit www.go2vanguard.com.

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