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**3M Cogent's MiY-ID-Gov First Product to Achieve
Biometric Authentication System Category Certification as Specified by the
Federal Information Processing Standard Publication 201 (FIPS 201)**

PASADENA, Calif. —March 26, 2012—[3M Cogent](#), a global leader in providing biometric identification solutions to government agencies and commercial enterprises, today announced that its MiY-ID Gov biometric access control reader is the first product to be certified as an approved biometric authentication system by the U.S. General Services Administration (GSA) in accordance with FIPS 201 standard. At a high-level, the Biometric Authentication System performs the following:

1. 1:1 biometric match,
2. validation of the biometric signer's certificate,
3. and interfacing with Online Certificate Status Protocol (OCSP) and Server-based Certificate Validation Protocol (SVCP).

FIPS 201 is a U.S. federal government standard that encompasses specific Personal Identity Verification (PIV) requirements for federal employees and contractors for access to federal facilities and information systems. FIPS 201 was mandated by the Homeland Security Presidential Directive 12 (HSPD12) to enhance security, increase government efficiency, reduce identity fraud, and protect personal privacy by establishing a mandatory, government-wide standard for secure forms of identification issued by the federal government to its employees and contractors. All devices used to read, validate, or authenticate the FIPS 201 PIV credentials must be an approved product as certified by GSA.

MiY-ID is 3M Cogent's award-winning, multi-functional biometric access control reader. As new security standards emerge, organizations are looking for a security product that meets current Physical Access Control System (PACS) standards for PIV, CAC, TWIC, and others. 3M Cogent's MiY-ID-Gov allows them to meet current standards and adapt to changing standards without having to replace their PACS readers.

“The evaluation testing for the Biometric Authentication System product category is one of the most extensive tests in the GSA FIPS 201 evaluation program. This achievement demonstrates our commitment to solving our customers' operational challenges by aligning our biometric technology with government requirements,” commented Christopher Crump, director of commercial business of 3M Cogent. “In addition to FIPS 201 PIV credentials, MiY-ID Gov supports other government identity credential programs such as

Department of Defense Common Access Card (CAC), and Transportation Worker Identity Credential (TWIC).”

3M Cogent will present its latest commercial products including MiY-ID-Gov at the upcoming International Security Conference and Exposition (ISC West) in booth #4095 in Las Vegas.

For more information about the MiY-ID Gov, visit <http://www.cogentsystems.com/pacsoverview.asp>. For more information about the FIPS 201 PIV standard and to view the GSA FIPS 201 approved product list, visit <http://csrc.nist.gov/publications/PubsFIPS.html> and <http://fips201ep.cio.gov/apl.php>.

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About 3M Security Systems Division

3M Security Systems Division is a trusted partner and industry leader in delivering end-to-end, innovative security solutions to businesses and governments worldwide—helping to ensure the security of people, documents and goods. With an unmatched mix of leading technologies in biometrics and credentialing as well as expert systems integration and support, 3M helps solve an array of security challenges, including brand protection, product security, efficient passenger check-in, secure ID and passport document issuance, and hardware and software system solutions for border management. 3M Security Systems technologies are used in over 100 countries around the world.

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