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Fargo Electronics Offers FREE Security Assessment Tool to Enable Companies to Immediately Rate Organizational Risk Related to Card Identity Programs

Assessment tool available on www.fargo.com

Minneapolis, MN (April 26, 2005) – Fargo Electronics, Inc. (**NASDAQ: FRGO**), a global leader in secure technologies for card identity systems, launched a free security assessment tool designed to analyze an organization's card identity program and provide Fargo's rating of its risk. The tool offers recommendations to reduce risk and enhance the security of the program. The tool is found at: www.fargo.com/assessment.

Successful organizations understand that simply having ID cards may not be enough. From securing the issuance of cards to incorporating anti-forgery techniques, there are a number of factors to consider in ensuring the success of an identity card program.

"In an era of widespread counterfeiting, highly portable information and serious threats from both outside and inside the enterprise, many organizations have turned to card identity systems as a first line of defense in their security programs," said Joe Wright, Fargo's Director of Marketing. "To help organizations successfully implement this necessary first step, we are providing a free assessment that analyzes the factors in creating a successful identity card program."

Organizations can find out how their card identity program rates by using the simple Card Identity Security Assessment Tool. After answering a series of 10 to 14 questions (depending on industry), users will receive Fargo's rating of the security of their card identity system. Based on the results, the tool will also recommend steps to take to enhance the security of the users' cards and card identity program.

Graphics: A screen-capture image is available at <http://www.fargo.com/about-us/product-photos.asp>.

About Fargo

Founded in 1974, Fargo Electronics is a global leader in the development of secure technologies for identity card issuance systems, including secure card printer/encoders, materials and software. The company has sold more than 100,000 systems in the U.S. and over 80 other countries worldwide. Fargo card issuance systems reduce vulnerabilities and potential for loss of time, money and lives by continually improving the security of identity credentials. Fargo provides physical, information and transaction security for a wide variety of applications and industries, including government, corporate, national IDs, drivers' licenses, universities, schools and membership. Based in Minneapolis, Minn., Fargo markets its products through a global distribution network of professional security integrators. For more information about Fargo, visit www.fargo.com.

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