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HID INTRODUCES SMARTS PROGRAM ENABLING COMPANIES TO OBTAIN SMART CARDS AT LOW ACQUISITION COSTS WITH QUICK TURNAROUND

*Industry First Program Offers Small to Mid-Sized Companies Affordable
Multi-Technology Proximity and Smart Card Security Options*

IRVINE, Calif., September 24, 2004 – HID, the premier manufacturer of contactless access control cards and readers for the security industry, today announced the Secure Multi-Access Ready-to-Ship (SMARTS) program. The SMARTS program offers low quantities (10-999) and quick delivery of 125 kHz proximity technology cards with an embedded contact smart chip module from leading smart chip vendors. This enables small to mid-size companies to affordably purchase low quantities of multi-technology cards for demos or deployment, or for large enterprises to obtain low-cost cards for pilot programs or test applications. In addition to the ability to order low quantities, SMARTS program card order shipments have been reduced from 12 weeks to five working days.

“We learned from our customers and development partners that there was an immediate need to purchase affordable, low-volume smart cards. So, we developed the SMARTS program to address these customer needs,” said Dovell Bonnett, director of Business Partners and Alliances at HID. “This program provides a fast and low-cost method for leveraging contactless physical access with contact smart card applications.”

HID's Smart ISOProx II and Smart DuoProx II, are 125 kHz proximity cards that incorporate magnetic stripe and photo identification technologies with one contact smart chip from either Axalto, Datakey, Gemplus or Giesecke and Devrient (G & D). Currently eight smart chip variations of the SMARTS program cards are available.

The SMARTS program card is targeted for applications that combine contactless physical access with applications that may include vending, password management, single sign-on, biometric logon, or Public Key Infrastructure (PKI). These cards are also ideal for expanding card capabilities or for addressing new corporate, government or university market demands and they provide the ability to combine various technologies onto one card for end-user convenience and lower overall card costs.

Note to editors: Detailed smart chip and part number information available upon request.

About HID Corporation

HID is the premier global supplier of contactless access control cards and readers for the security industry. With over 200 million credentials (cards, fobs and keys) in use worldwide, HID leads the industry in 13.56 MHz and 125 kHz RFID card and reader technology for a wide range of applications including access control, IT secure authentication, time and attendance, digital cash/cashless vending, automotive vehicle identification, and biometric verification. HID's award-winning product line includes **iCLASS**[®] 13.56 MHz contactless smart cards and readers, 125 kHz proximity, magnetic stripe, and Wiegand technology cards and readers. The company also provides specialized card manufacturing services including custom pre-printed graphics, micro printing and anti-counterfeiting elements, holograms or ultraviolet ink for increased card security. HID is headquartered in Irvine, California, with international offices supporting more than 100 countries. The company is part of the ASSA ABLOY Identification Technology Group. To learn more, please visit www.hidcorp.com.

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