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HID RELEASES VertX™ CS OPEN ARCHITECTURE PLATFORM FOR CENTRAL STATION AUTOMATION SYSTEMS

*VertX CS Enables Emerging Central Station Applications To Provide Integral
Access Control Functions Within Existing Alarm Monitoring and Management Software*

IRVINE, Calif., September 24, 2004 – HID, the premier manufacturer of contactless access control cards and readers for the security industry, today released an open architecture platform that enables central station security monitoring software providers to fully integrate access control functions within central station host software, eliminating the need for separate access control systems that today are merely co-located within the central station facility. It also provides bi-directional communications for video-related services in central stations without modifying the existing infrastructure.

The VertX CS platform is a fully-functional hardware/firmware infrastructure based on application specific collaborations with a number of development partner companies within the central station market. These partners include Bold Technologies, Ltd., DICE Corporation, GE's Monitoring Automation Systems (MAS) and OzVision Global Inc. Bold, DICE, and OzVision will exhibit VertX CS in conjunction with their respective advanced central station solutions at the 50th Annual ASIS International exhibition in Dallas, Texas from September 27-29, 2004.

“VertX CS supports intrusion-related functions and terminology associated with central station alarm monitoring software, and is also a network-compatible access device that interfaces with HID Prox, **iCLASS**[®] and all other popular access control card and reader technologies,” said Mark Scaparro, HID’s executive vice president of sales. “This means that alarm dealers will now have the ability to provide access control solutions to their centrally managed alarm customers utilizing the same software platforms they already use today.”

VertX CS will be available to central station systems integrators and alarm monitoring dealers through OEM and distribution channels by the end of this year.

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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