

# SecuGen Hamster IV v2 Receives FBI Certification for FIPS 201/PIV

SANTA CLARA, Calif., Oct. 12, 2011 (SEND2PRESS NEWSWIRE) – SecuGen, the world's leading optical fingerprint device vendor, is pleased to announce that the FBI has certified the SecuGen Hamster IV(TM) v2 fingerprint reader as meeting Personal Identity Verification (PIV) Single Finger Capture Device Specifications. The Hamster IV v2 is the successor to the widely deployed Hamster IV fingerprint reader.

This new version of the Hamster IV fingerprint reader retains the high image quality, rugged design and affordable price of the previous version and adds faster image capture and compatibility with both USB 1.1 and USB 2.0. SecuGen will be releasing the Hamster IV v2 at a date to be announced.

The Hamster IV v2 is part of SecuGen's growing line of fingerprint biometric products that are PIV compliant, as defined by the FIPS 201 standard. This line also includes the iD-USB SC/PIV(TM) that combines fingerprint and smartcard readers, the SDA04 OEM module for use in physical access devices, the SDU04P OEM sensor for use in USB peripherals, and SecuGen's Pro SDKs for the development of FIPS 201/PIV software applications. SecuGen PIV compliant products are used in a growing number of U.S. government, civilian, and military agencies and increasingly by governments and corporations around the world.

Dan Riley, SecuGen's VP of Engineering said, "Our partners include a significant number of U.S. government integrators. Our efforts are always focused on providing those partners with the best possible fingerprint technologies, products, and components. The Hamster IV v2 is another response to our partner's needs."

"We are very pleased that our Hamster IV v2 product meets FBI specifications for PIV," said Won Lee, CEO of SecuGen. Mr. Lee continued, "FIPS 201 is an important milestone for the biometrics industry. It sets rigorous standards for the quality and performance of both fingerprint hardware and software, and we are proud to offer our partners both. The FBI's PIV testing ensures excellent image quality of the fingerprint hardware, while NIST's MINEX testing ensures accuracy and interoperability of fingerprint template extraction and matching algorithms. The industry has accepted these rigorous standards because they are supported by objective, third-party certification."

## **About SecuGen:**

SecuGen Corporation ([www.secugen.com](http://www.secugen.com)) is the world's leading provider of advanced, optical fingerprint recognition technology, products, tools and platforms for physical and information security. SecuGen designs and develops FBI-certified fingerprint readers and OEM components, developer kits and software, including NIST/MINEX-compliant algorithms. Known for high quality, ruggedness, and performance in a wide variety of applications and

environmental conditions, SecuGen products are used by world-leading financial, medical, government, educational and corporate institutions and are sold through a partner network of over 200 original equipment manufacturers, independent software vendors and system integrators around the world.

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