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FOUR CHERRY PRODUCTS RECEIVE FIPS201 CERTIFICATION

PLEASANT PRAIRIE, WI. – Cherry Electrical Products announces the U.S. government has granted FIP201 certification to four of its smart card reader products. As a result, U.S. federal agencies and contractors are now authorized to use applicable Cherry keyboards and stand-alone smart card readers for logical access control under the Presidential Directive HSPD-12.

HSPD-12 (Homeland Security Presidential Directive 12) requires the use of a common identification credential for both logical and physical access to federally controlled facilities and information systems. In response, the National Institute of Standards and Technology (NIST) published FIPS201 (Federal Information Processing Standard Publication 201), which specifies Personal Identity Verification (PIV) requirements for federal employees and contractors.

The applicable products are Cherry's G83-6644 and G83-6744 keyboards with integrated smart card readers, its ST-1044U stand-alone smart card reader, and the SR-4044 PCMCIA smart card reader.

As the Department of Defense is now migrating to FIPS201 Common Access Cards, the new certifications will enable Cherry to compete for major programs associated with PIV in the DoD and other federal agencies.

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Cherry was recently voted the top keyboard brand by readers of Vertical Systems Reseller (VSR), a leading magazine reaching value-added resellers, systems integrators and other solutions providers. Cherry Corporation manufactures standard and custom electrical switches, sensors, electronic keyboards and controls for the worldwide automotive, computer and consumer/commercial markets. The company is headquartered in Pleasant Prairie, WI and has seven wholly owned subsidiaries in Germany, England, France, Czech Republic, China, Mexico and Australia. For more information, visit www.cherrycorp.com.

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