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Certipath to debut smart ID card for federal offices

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Certipath has created an ID card verification system that controls entry into government buildings, and federal agencies are lining up to get it, says CEO Jeff Nigriny.

Efforts to protect information technology systems from hackers, terrorists and even accidental breaches are getting a lot of national attention in the security arena. But a Herndon company, [Certipath](#) LLC, is more focused on threats that might walk right through the front door.

Certipath, which verifies personnel credentials for government aviation, aerospace and defense organizations, has created a security system to control physical access to government facilities using credentials stored on smart ID cards.

The company, formed by a joint venture of communications and engineering companies [Exostar LLC](#), Arinc Inc. and Sita SC, designed a system that allows government personnel and employees of federal contractors to access buildings using any government-issued ID card.

After installing the system at its headquarters about six months ago to work out any bugs, Certipath is getting ready to officially debut the system to government agencies in January. CEO Jeff Nigriny says interested agency representatives have been showing up “by the bus loads” for sneak peeks.