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## NEWS FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

### Datakey Electronics Awarded Contract to Supply Key Components to Government Secure Communications Programs

**Burnsville, MN May 13, 2003** – Datakey Electronics has been awarded a contract by the National Security Agency (NSA) to supply a key support system to a recently initiated government secure communications program. Datakey Electronics will supply a supporting subsystem consisting of a combination of its 64 kilobit rugged data carrier key (the PK64KC) and an associated universal key reader/writer (the PKS-703). Both of these items are standard Commercial Off-the-Shelf (COTS) products, so they can be fielded in a very short period of time.

Under this contract, Datakey Electronics will supply PKS-703 key reader/writers and PK64KC keys. All of these components are to be delivered to Department of Defense users to support DOD security communications capabilities.

Datakey Electronics has supplied the NSA, other government organizations, and related prime contractors with various configurations of its unique portable data carriers and their associated key receptacles and readers. Datakey Electronics is the primary supplier of Crypto Ignition Keys (CIK) for Communication Security Equipment (COMSEC). CIKs are used to control access to COMSEC equipment such as secure telephones and other encryption equipment. Removal of the CIK renders the host COMSEC unclassified, yet COMSEC accountable, for security purposes.

#### **About Datakey Electronics, Inc.**

Datakey Electronics, Inc. has a world-wide base of customers including Microsoft, General Dynamics, Raytheon, Siemens, New York Health and Hospital Corporation, Gasboy and many other multi-national corporations.

Datakey Electronics, Inc. uses the latest electronic memory technology and manufacturing techniques to provide both off-the-shelf and custom products. Datakey Electronics products solve difficult data transportation problems, security problems, and access control problems. These products are packaged in convenient key and custom-shaped tokens and are supported by a full line of peripherals for programming and access. Design services are available for custom products and system applications.

Datakey Electronics, Inc., based in Burnsville, MN, is a minority woman-owned business with a complete manufacturing facility and substantial capacity for production growth.

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