



BOSCH ACCESS EASY CONTROLLER PROTECTS SENSITIVE INFORMATION AT ENGINEERING FIRM

St. Louis — Securing trade secrets and intellectual property is paramount for many engineering firms to remain competitive. With customers in the aerospace, defense and pharmaceutical fields, the St. Louis-based engineering solutions company, Innoventor, Inc., has a particular need to safeguard sensitive customer materials and company information stored in its facility.

The company faces a distinct security challenge, as it must provide complete facility access to its full-time employees, while limiting access to its 14 contractors. With a new facility that spans 26,000 square feet, employees also need a method to determine if their colleagues remain in the building before arming the alarm system each night.

When Innoventor began to plan for the move to its new space, the company turned to Associated Engineered Systems, Inc. to help secure the doors. After understanding the specific challenges of the company, Bret Bachmann, sales manager for Associated Engineered Systems, recommended Bosch Security Systems' browser-based Access Easy Controller. This solution would not only meet the company's basic access control needs but also enable employees to see which colleagues are in the building at any time.

Because Access Easy Controller can be operated from any Internet browser, Associated Engineered Systems was able to install an LCD touch screen, which is continuously logged into the access control system, near the facility's existing alarm keypad. Employees can now see up to the minute reports of employees in the building right from the LCD screen.



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The last employee to leave each evening no longer has to walk the entire facility to determine if any of their colleagues remain in the building before arming the alarm and exiting. The information is right at their fingertips near the exit.

“The Access Easy Controller is very user-friendly. If people are comfortable with a Web browser, they can be easily trained on the system. This aspect makes it the ideal application for installations where both technical and non-technical people will be operating the system,” said Bachmann.

By integrating Access Easy Controller with the alarm system, Associated Engineered Systems enabled Innoventor to also limit access to the facility for contractors, helping to comply with company policy that a full-time employee be present whenever a contractor is in the building. If the alarm is armed, indicating no employees are in the facility, contractors are not allowed access to the building.

When the alarm system is armed, the Access Easy Controller also automatically locks the building’s overhead garage doors and roof hatch, so these doors are never unintentionally left open. The system secures a total of 10 doors throughout the facility.

“Innoventor has an obligation to keep information protected for our customers, and we implemented this access control system with them in mind. Our approach to controlling access for employees was focused at a need to know level for our customers’ projects,” said Kent Schien, President and CEO, Innoventor, Inc. “We feel the touch screen system protects Innoventor and our customers appropriately – keeping both our employees and critical data secure from external threats.”



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About Innoventor, Inc.

Innoventor is a 10-year-old engineering solutions company located in St. Louis and serving customers throughout the U.S. It has grown over the decade to more than 70 engineers providing solutions in the aerospace/defense, medical/pharmaceutical, transportation, food/beverage and industrial automation industries in the areas of process, production and product development. It innovates for its customers and invents for itself through the development of proprietary technology. For more information about Innoventor, Inc. visit www.innoventor.net.

About Associated Engineered Systems, Inc.

Since the inception of Associated Engineered Systems, Inc. (AES) in 1977, it has grown into a complete system integration company. Its unique approach to integration permits it to offer a full range of systems, including telecommunications, security, closed circuit television, access control, fire alarm, nurse call, paging and sound. It also offers a complete range of services, such as design, consulting, sales, installation and maintenance.

About Bosch Security Systems, Inc.

Bosch Security Systems, Inc. is a leading supplier of equipment for the global electronic protection industry. With worldwide sales exceeding \$1.3 billion and more than 10,000 employees in 45 countries in 2006, the company designs, manufactures and markets electronic detection, control and communication equipment for security, fire protection, access control, closed circuit television and personnel and asset tracking applications.

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