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VeriSign(R) Identity Protection Mobile Application on Verizon Wireless Phones Makes Security More Accessible

Application From VeriSign Transforms Wireless Phones Into Strong Authentication Credentials

BASKING RIDGE, NJ and MOUNTAIN VIEW, CA (Marketwire) - [Verizon Wireless](#) customers seeking added safeguards to help protect their online data can now use [VeriSign® Identity Protection \(VIP\) Access for Mobile](#), an application from [VeriSign, Inc.](#) (NASDAQ: VRSN), the trusted provider of Internet infrastructure for the networked world.

[VIP Access for Mobile](#) is a free application that transforms mobile devices into VIP authentication credentials that help customers protect their online data. VIP Access for Mobile displays a security code on a mobile phone that customers can use as a second factor of authentication in addition to usernames and passwords when accessing online accounts. The security code acts as a unique, one-time password that changes automatically every 30 seconds.

"Bringing VIP Access for Mobile to Verizon Wireless customers dramatically broadens the footprint of VIP authentication and puts a powerful tool against identity fraud into the hands of millions of mobile users," said Kerry Loftus, vice president of User Authentication at VeriSign. "We're proud to work with Verizon Wireless, the leading wireless provider, to deploy strong authentication with an application that makes these safeguards fast, easy and free for subscribers to install and use."

"The VeriSign app gives our customers another tool to use as they work to keep their online information secure," said Ed Ruth, director, Strategic Business Development and Partner Management at Verizon Wireless.

VIP Access for Mobile is the only two-factor authentication credential certified for BREW® (Binary Runtime Environment for Wireless), which allows mobile users to reliably access trusted applications directly from their phones. Customers can get the easy-to-install application from their wireless phones by selecting the Business Tools/Information category in the Media Center/Get It Now®, or by visiting the online media store at www.mediastore.verizonwireless.com. Airtime, data usage and messaging fees may apply during download and use of the application.

VIP Authentication Service enables small to medium-sized businesses (SMB) and large enterprises to provide secure remote log-in to corporate intranets, partner portals and virtual private networks (VPN), as well as consumer online banking and mobile payment services.

Provided as a cloud-based authentication service, the VIP Authentication Service -- also known as strong or two-factor authentication -- provides an additional layer of protection beyond standard username and password sign-on. Two-factor authentication works by requiring each user to provide not just a username and password but also a second factor, in this case, a unique one-time six-digit security code generated by a user's VIP authentication credential.

When online businesses protect their sites and users with the VIP Authentication Service, they become members of the unique VIP Network, which allows users to use a single security credential to authenticate themselves across any VIP-enabled Web site. By leveraging the cloud-based service, VIP Authentication Service delivers lower total cost of ownership, fast deployment of two-factor authentication, and improved ease of use for IT administrators and end users of Fortune 500 enterprises and online businesses.

For more information on Verizon Wireless products and services, along with a list of compatible phones, please visit a Verizon Wireless Communications Store, call 1-800-2 JOIN IN or go to www.verizonwireless.com.

About Verizon Wireless

Verizon Wireless operates the nation's most reliable and largest wireless voice and 3G data network, serving more than 91 million customers. Headquartered in Basking Ridge, N.J., with 83,000 employees nationwide, Verizon Wireless is a joint venture of Verizon Communications (NYSE: VZ) and Vodafone (NASDAQ and LSE: VOD). For more information, visit www.verizonwireless.com. To preview and request broadcast-quality video footage and high-resolution stills of Verizon Wireless operations, log on to the Verizon Wireless Multimedia Library at www.verizonwireless.com/multimedia.

About VeriSign

VeriSign, Inc. (NASDAQ: VRSN) is the trusted provider of Internet infrastructure services for the networked world. Billions of times each day, VeriSign helps companies and consumers all over the world engage in communications and commerce with confidence. Additional news and information about the company is available at www.verisign.com.

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