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DCS Announces Native RFID for the IBM Power Servers

Inmate and Employee Tracking Capabilities

For DCS, it was critical to develop a fully integrated RFID solution for its Inmate Management Software, which runs on the IBM Servers. “Tracking inmate movement using bar coding was out of the question,” said Mary T Lucas, President of DCS, Inc. “That is simply an outdated method and it requires the inmate to be within inches of the reader.”

Having spent the past several months in development and testing, DCS has now begun the marketing phase of its JMS/RFID product. “There is a lot of excitement,” Rooney-Lucas continues, “because we now have a way to track inmates within yards of the readers, rather than within inches.” In addition, the user is now able to conduct census counts using a hand-held unit.

The DCS JMS software now generates the wristband containing the RFID tag. The RFID tag is encapsulated in the plastic wristband. DCS offerings including Passive, Battery-Assisted Passive, and Active RFID technologies depending on the requirements of each facility.

When an inmate’s RFID wristband passes a reader, the photo that corresponds with the RFID tag, will immediately appear on a screen. Jail/Correctional facility employees will be able to verify the identity of the inmate by matching the photo on the screen to the inmate passing the reader. This positive identification is critical so the wrong inmate is not released, ensuring the safety of the community.

“This Inmate Management RFID movement and transaction solution will provide greater security and safety to employees and inmates,” says Lucas, who concludes “Accuracy and accountability will be greatly increased while manual entries will be eliminated. The RFID transactions will form a historical data base that can be viewed and used in the future, for example, in cases of altercations between inmates, or lawsuits filed against the facilities.” This feature will potentially save jails millions of dollars in legal settlements by being able to prove the whereabouts of inmates at the exact time incidents are claimed.