A major shift in government-to-citizen ID credentials is underway. Facing ever-increasing security concerns, budgetary constraints, and the need to deliver services that better accommodate citizen expectations, governments worldwide are continually looking for innovative ways to improve ID programs. At the same time, a mobile lifestyle has become the norm.

Endowed with massive computing power, the smartphone is an all-purpose tool relied upon to share information, make transactions and engage the user in multiple activities. Since citizens rely upon IDs for everyday scenarios, most are ready to use smartphones to simplify this aspect of life as well. It is no surprise that mobility has intersected with citizen identification. The result of this intersection is the ability to use a smartphone to carry a citizen ID via a secure, digital credential called a mobile ID.

The Power of Mobile IDs

With mobile IDs, governments have an unprecedented opportunity to provide citizens with new levels of convenience while enhancing their capabilities to deliver secure ID programs.

HID Global® is poised to lead this shift, providing the secure ecosystem needed to facilitate the provision of citizen IDs to smartphones. With mobile IDs, the possibilities are endless. From driver’s licenses and national ID cards, to vehicle registrations, residence permits and much more, mobile IDs mark a new era in which citizens will be able to confidently use their smartphone as their secure and trusted ID.

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It’s Time for Mobile IDs
HID goID™ platform for mobile IDs delivers the secure infrastructure to allow citizen ID's to be safely provisioned to and authenticated on a smartphone. HID goID allows smartphones to be used for identification purposes, but also for transactions in ways not possible with an ID card.

A smartphone using HID goID enhances a citizen’s day-to-day experience. Imagine how HID goID can impact travel. Today, citizens use a national ID or driver’s license at the airport for domestic travel, but also carry a boarding pass separately on a phone or a piece of paper. With HID goID, the two converge - providing greater security, convenience and flexibility for both the citizen and the authenticating party. Rather than in wallets, IDs can now be securely stored on smartphones.

HID goID can be customized to only release relevant information so citizens can control when and how much information is shared, allowing them to protect their privacy. For example, when a citizen is purchasing age-restricted goods, they only need to provide their photo and age - none of the other personal information loaded on a physical driver’s license needs to be shared.

Other HID goID advantages include the ability to renew or modify the driver’s licenses and other ID credentials remotely, saving citizens from traveling and waiting in a crowded office environment. This is also good news for government agencies, which can do their jobs more efficiently.

Introducing HID goID™ for Citizen IDs on Smartphones
HID goID™ is the only platform able to provision mobile IDs directly into citizens' mobile phones. Unlike other solutions that rely on wireless cloud connectivity, HID goID is always available, no matter the connectivity to the cloud. This is extremely important in the case of national and public security, where identity needs to be securely verified—both online and offline.

The ability to provision IDs directly onto smartphones for offline verification also enables interoperability among different governing jurisdictions. A single downloadable app allows any authorizing party to verify anyone's mobile ID as authentic, wherever it is used, thus helping to eliminate fake IDs.

A new level of real-time connectivity and computing power:

- facilitates the delivery of citizen-centric services, building trust and convenience;
- allows the quick, efficient and secure issuance, modification or revocation of mobile IDs;
- improves law enforcement interaction with citizens;
- prevents counterfeiting through electronic authentication;
- works across multiple platforms and operating systems;
- opens the door to new revenue opportunities; and
- can be easily and securely verified, both online and offline.
HID Global® Positioned to Lead

HID Global is the leading supplier of highly advanced, ultra-secure ID credentials and ecosystems for governments programs, including the US Green Card, Angola National ID and the Ireland Passport Card. And, HID Global’s breakthrough Seos® credential technology powering mobile IDs is already widely deployed by organizations seeking a convenient yet secure way for people to access office buildings, college campus facilities and more.

HID Global’s Seos technology is also embedded in Starwood Hotel Group’s Preferred Guest App for their guests to access hotel rooms via a mobile key on their smartphone in hundreds of Starwood locations around the world. Guests simply receive a Seos mobile ID with their room number via the SPG app before arriving at the hotel, allowing them to bypass check-in and proceed straight to their room (spgpromos.com/keyless).

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There are six principles government organizations/agencies and citizens, alike should adhere to for a successful transition to mobile IDs:

1. Voluntary: Participation is voluntary; user controls sharing of information and device.

2. Interoperable: Works with major smartphone handset manufacturers and operating systems and is viable across jurisdictions, states, provinces and continents.

3. Secure: Strong standards-based cryptography platform and citizens’ data can only be viewed by the intended authenticating smartphone.

4. Private: No one else can access personal data or track identity; must be able to verify data without handing over the physical smartphone.

5. Remote-Capable: Citizens’ mobile IDs must be securely available, even in remote areas without internet or telecommunications networks — including the provisioning, updating or revoking of credentials.

6. Always Available: When a citizen’s smartphone is inoperable (i.e. dead battery) it is still possible to securely access the ID.

HID goID addresses all of these principles and more assuring governments that mobile IDs will empower citizens to enjoy convenience and simplicity while delivering the security and privacy expected in a trusted government-issued credential.

Get Started with HID goID™

Connectivity sets today’s standards for communication, information and transactions. HID goID makes it possible for governments to reach a new standard in their relationship with citizens — whether the interaction is with law enforcement, motor vehicle agencies, educational institutions, or quasi-governmental organizations.

To learn more about how HID goID can help you address your government-to-citizen mobile ID requirements or to arrange for a pilot program please contact your local HID Global Government ID Solutions representative.