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Key Source International Named Winner of the 2016 Association for the Healthcare Environment (AHE) Innovation Award sponsored by American Hospital Association®

Pittsburgh, PA – September 26, 2016 – Key Source has been presented with the Association for the Healthcare Environment (AHE) Innovation Award for its Healthcare Desktop System with the **LinkSmart™ Keyboard™ Powered by San-a-Key® Software for Infection Prevention** – the only user-defined keyboard monitoring system designed to aid in the control of cross contamination and the spread of germs at the clinical desktop. First introduced in 2013, the AHE Innovation Award recognizes and increases awareness of products, processes and technology advancements that empower individuals to improve measured outcomes in the healthcare environment.

[Electronic health records](#) require that clinicians spend as much as [50% of their shift entering data](#). Just knowing that keyboard surfaces can be disinfected between use, by anyone, at any time, can give users incredible peace of mind. It also gives professionals, whose task it is to reduce hospital acquired infections, the ability to monitor and control the spread of germs at this key point of transmission.

The unique part of the [San-a-Key® LinkSmart™ System](#) is its patented, real-time enterprise-managed analytics. This unprecedented combination of smart hardware, featuring the **LinkSmart™** keyboard and [San-a-Key® software](#), linked smartly together, gives infection control professionals the knowledge of who cleaned a particular keyboard and where, as well as when, throughout the entire clinical facility. User-defined notifications are pushed to the desktop, indicating the keyboard is in need of disinfecting.

The great feature of this product, unlike other, so-called washable keyboards, is there's no need to **ever** remove the [LinkSmart™ keyboard](#) from service to wash in a sink or dishwasher. 98% of all germs can be disinfected right at the desktop, without down time, without cable management issues, and most importantly, with the ability to have a healthy and clean typing surface anytime, anywhere! The **LinkSmart™** keyboard also features backlit key tops with three levels of illumination, perfect for data entry where patient care requires a darkened environment.

By placing valuable analytic data in the right hands at the right time, the infection prevention team can be empowered to efficiently focus resources on emerging trends in hospital-acquired infections and multiple-drug resistant organisms that exist on keyboard surfaces. Our system provides for a central data collection point to manage the disinfecting of keyboard surfaces and the ability to set disinfecting kill times for identified strains that are particularly virulent, before the keyboard goes back into service.

The **LinkSmart™** keyboard system with San-a-Key® is the result of listening to customers and years of experience in the healthcare industry. "Key Source is both humbled and proud to receive such an award, especially competing against some of the top companies that play a

critical role in delivering infection prevention as well as exceptional and safe patient care,” says Deanne VanKirk, **LinkSmart™** Product Manager.

For more information about AHE or the Innovation Award, visit www.AHE.org.

About Key Source International

[Key Source International](http://www.KeySourceInternational.com) – a global company headquartered in Oakland, California – has been delivering high-end hardware and software technology solutions for more than 35 years. Healthcare partners include [Imprivata](http://www.Imprivata.com), [Caradigm](http://www.Caradigm.com), [HealthCast](http://www.HealthCast.com), [Epic](http://www.Epic.com) and [CDW Healthcare](http://www.CDWHealthcare.com). KSI, along with its partners, offer secure, compliant and scalable solutions that are compatible with [HIPAA](http://www.HIPAA.com) and [DEA ePrescribe](http://www.DEAePrescribe.com). KSI is also proficient in retail automation, banking, and telecommunications involving password replacement using biometrics, near field communication, contact-less smart cards and legacy HID badges. KSI’s focus has always been on enhancing the user experience, securing the desktop, and meeting rigorous government regulations with total customer satisfaction.

About AHE

The Association for the Healthcare Environment (AHE) is a personal membership group of the [American Hospital Association](http://www.AmericanHospitalAssociation.com). AHE is the professional organization of choice for professionals responsible for caring for the patient and resident care environment across all care settings, including hospitals, long term care, continuing care retirement communities and ambulatory care. AHE shapes professional practice, advances and promotes the profession, and promotes awareness for over 2,000 professionals working to ensure a clean and safe healthcare environment and quality outcomes.

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