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CUSO Preps XCalibur Testing for October

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Employees and board members at three credit unions will be among the first to test the XCalibur card, a biometric card that can function as a single debit, gift and loyalty card.

The XCalibur card was created by CUSO XCard Systems LLC with assistance from IBM Global Engineering Solutions. One of the features that sets it apart from typical debit and credit cards is a biometric touch sensor that authenticates the user before activation. The card can then only be activated by the user or an authorized user, according to XCard. Certain key functions allow the user to pick which account they want to use for a particular transaction, according to the CUSO.

In October, 50 cards will be tested, said Vic Pantea, president/CEO of Member Gateways LLC, a product development CUSO that has been involved in the card's pilot. A simultaneous testing for Visa and MasterCard standards will also take place. From these tests, any final revisions will be made and the card device will enter final production.

CU*Answers is providing card processing and core system testing and Beyond Marketing LLC will market the card. Kent Displays Inc. created the screen display and Seidenfaden Design came up with the prototype sleeve. Prevas Engineering has also played a role in the overall development.

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