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County Clerk/Registrar of Voters (CC/ROV) Memorandum #13063

TO: All County Clerks/Registrars of Voters

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RE: Voting Systems: OVSTA Monthly Update – August 2013

Each month, the Office of Voting Systems Technology Assessment (OVSTA) provides an update on Election Assistance Commission (EAC) and Secretary of State (SOS) activities related to voting systems.

Each update will provide information on:

- Voting system related events that may be of interest.
- Administrative approvals and denials since the prior month's update.
- Administrative approval requests since the prior month's update.
- Voting system testing and approval at the SOS office.
- Voting system testing and certification at the EAC.
- Defect, failure and fault reports issued since the prior month's update.
- Ballot printing certification requests since the prior month's update.

Recent and Upcoming Events

The SOS has released a Request for Quote – Information Technology (RFQ - IT) for Dominion Democracy Suite 4.14 Voting System Test Support Services. This request is posted on BidSync at https://www.bidsync.com/DPX?ac=view&auc=1946007. The final date for submission is Wednesday, August 21, 2013, at 4:00 p.m.

Administrative Approval Requests

California Elections Code section 19213 precludes a voting system or part of a voting system that has been approved by the Secretary of State from being changed or modified until the Secretary of State has determined that the change "does not impair its accuracy and efficiency. . . ."

Information on submitting an administrative approval request is in "Requesting Administrative Approval of a Change or Modification to an Approved Voting System."

Recently Approved

- Dominion was granted administrative approval to upgrade the currently approved Symantec Anti-Virus Corporate Edition software used on both its WinEDS 3.1.012 and WinEDS 4.0.116B voting systems to the Symantec End Point Security 12.1 antivirus software. The currently approved Symantec Anti-Virus Corporate Edition software is no longer being supported.

Under Review – Continuing

- ES&S is requesting administrative approval to use the Dell PowerEdge T310 tower as a backup server for jurisdictions using the GEMS 1.18.24 voting system. OVSTA informed ES&S that it must receive a VSTL determination on the equivalency, pursuant to the EAC Notice of Clarification #2012-01, of the Dell PowerEdge T310 tower to the currently approved GEMS server.

<u>Testing and Approval by the State of California</u>

- On July 15, 2013, the Secretary of State received a withdrawal letter from ES&S for its Unity 3.4.0.0 voting system. ES&S is no longer seeking Secretary of State approval for this voting system.

- On October, 26, 2012, the Secretary of State received an application and deposit for the testing and approval of the Dominion Democracy Suite 4.14 Voting System. The items submitted do not constitute a complete application and therefore the Secretary of State considers the application "pending" until all of the necessary documentation has been received.

<u>Testing and Certification at the EAC</u>

The EAC provides a weekly update of voting system testing. As of August 6, 2013, the current testing and certification status for systems relevant to California is:

Dominion Democracy Suite 4.14.A EAC approved the application for this system. Related documents can be found on the EAC website.

Hart InterCivic Verity 1.0. Hart continues to work on development and building of the voting system and expects to be close to completion by the end of August. Related documents can be found on the EAC website.

Unisyn OpenElect 1.2. EAC received Rev. A of the Test Plan from Wyle on July 30th. EAC will provide comments to Wyle by August 12, 2013. Related documents can be found on the EAC website.

The EAC's "Voting Systems Under Test" and "Certified Voting Systems" pages provide more specifics on each voting system.

Defects, Failures and Faults

Defects, failures and faults (problem reports) of voting system hardware and software are reported to the Secretary of State. The Secretary of State in turn provides the reports to the EAC which provides them to the public on the [EAC Voting System Reports](#) clearinghouse webpage.

In July, the Secretary of State did not receive any problem reports. For more information contact the voting system vendor, or OVSTA, or go to the EAC website, at [EAC Voting System Reports](#).

Ballot Printing Certification Requests

Ballot Manufacturers and Finishers Under Review
- Information Planning & Management Services, Inc. is seeking certification as a ballot manufacturer and finisher to print ES&S M100/M650 ballots, and Premier AccuVote-OS ballots, at its facility in Everett, Washington.

Ballot Manufacturers and Finishers
- O'Neil Data Systems LLC, an approved ballot manufacturer and finisher, has been certified to print Hart InterCivic Ballot Now optical scan ballots. O'Neil Data Systems LLC is now certified to print Premier AccuVote-OS ballots, ES&S M100/M650 ballots and Hart Ballot Now ballots.

Ballot on Demand Systems Certified
- ES&S was granted certification on the Balotar ballot on demand system to be connected to the DFM EIMS voter registration system.

A list of certified ballot printers can be found at [www.sos.ca.gov/voting-systems/cert-and-approval/ballots.htm.](#)