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County Clerk/Registrar of Voters (CC/ROV) Memorandum #13070

TO: All County Clerks/Registrars of Voters

FROM: /s/ Susan Lapsley
Deputy Secretary of State and Counsel

RE: Voting Systems: OVSTA Monthly Update – September 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 released a Request for Quote (RFQ) to provide test support services related to the Dominion Democracy Suite 4.14 Voting System. The final date for submission was Wednesday, August 21, 2013. This RFQ was canceled a new one will soon be issued.

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.](#)"

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.

Testing and Approval by the State of California

- 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.

Testing and Certification at the EAC

The EAC provides a [weekly update](#) of voting system testing. As of August 27, 2013, the current testing and certification status for systems relevant to California is:

Dominion Democracy Suite 4.14.A Wyle submitted a Draft Test Report on August 28. Related documents can be found on the EAC [website](#).

ES&S Unity 3.4.1.0. EAC received an application for the ES&S Unity 3.4.1.0 voting system. The application is currently under review.

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 approved Rev. B of the Test Plan from Wyle on August 8. Testing is currently under way at Wyle. 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 August, 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

- 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.

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