**Program Director’s Note**

On September 23, 2011, the Kennesaw State University Center for Election Systems hosted a one-day meeting of State and Federal voting system certification authorities. The purpose of the meeting was to allow state voting system testers, test lab personnel and state and federal election officials to share best practices on strategies and methods to improve the effectiveness and decrease the cost of voting system testing. Along with EAC Certification Division staff and representatives from Wyle Laboratories, State representatives of Georgia, Indiana, Ohio, Florida, Texas, Colorado, North Carolina, Tennessee, Pennsylvania and Arizona attended the meeting.

Attendees shared experiences on the development of testing protocols, reciprocity of testing results between Federal and State certification programs, potential areas for integrating state and federal testing requirements, emerging technologies to assist in testing, improving vendor participation, bootstrapping a new testing program, working with VSTLs, and other topics of common interest.

Attendees are looking towards the development of a State requirements matrix that will be integrated with the Federal testing requirements matrix to see where testing might currently overlap, and to begin to design Federal test campaigns to more specifically meet the needs of individual States in order to realize cost savings. Due to the overwhelmingly favorable response to this meeting, tentative plans are underway to hold a 2012 meeting with more broad-based participation at Ball State University.

Kudos to Merle King, Michael Barnes and the staff of the Center for Elections for a job well done!

- Brian Hancock

**Program Updates**

**General Information**

**News & Update Center**
Visit the [EAC’s News Center](http://www.eac.gov/news/) for the latest information about the Commission and all of its programs and activities.

EAC is on [Twitter](http://twitter.com/EACgov)! View program update tweets here.

Visit the EAC [Blog](http://www.eac.gov/blog/). The blog is dedicated to sharing useful, innovative and practical information about voting and elections.

Visit [YouTube](http://www.youtube.com/EACgov) for an overview video of EAC’s Testing and Certification Program.

**Useful Links**
- [Voting System Test Laboratory Program Manual](http://www.eac.gov/systems/vstl_manual.pdf)
- [Testing & Certification Correspondence](http://www.eac.gov/systems/vstl_manual.pdf)

**Election Resource Library**
Make sure to visit the Election Resource Library for the latest [test plans](http://www.eac.gov/systems/vstl_manual.pdf), [test reports](http://www.eac.gov/systems/vstl_manual.pdf), and [reports of state voting systems](http://www.eac.gov/systems/vstl_manual.pdf).

**Voting Systems Map (UPDATED)**
EAC’s [map](http://www.eac.gov/map/) shows where federally certified voting systems are used. New EAC-certified systems locations have been added. The map indicators have been removed for Premier Assure 1.2 in Iowa and Florida. See [Dominion’s letter to EAC](http://www.eac.gov/map/) for details. For questions about this map, including how to use it, visit our [Voting Systems Map FAQ](http://www.eac.gov/map/).

**EAC Staffer Making a Difference**
EAC’s Joshua Franklin was recently [profiled](http://www.eac.gov/blog/) in the New Face of Government, a Federal News Radio special report about how young people are changing the federal government. Highlights include Joshua’s role as a computer engineer at EAC as well as his contributions to EAC’s [social media efforts](http://www.eac.gov/blog/) and his work to create visuals to explain components of the [Voting System Testing and Certification Program](http://www.eac.gov/blog/).

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Web Forms for Manufacturers
EAC has launched new web forms which are now available for use: Manufacturer Registration and Application for System Testing. Please use these forms when registering or applying.

Voting System Reports Collection
As part of EAC’s clearinghouse responsibilities under Section 202 of the Help America Vote Act, the commission adopted a policy authorizing staff to post and distribute voting system reports and studies that have been conducted or commissioned by a state or local government. View the reports and studies here.

Requests for Interpretations (RFI)
To view all of the RFIs published by the EAC, please visit the Request for Interpretations section of the Certification Program Web site.

Notice of Clarifications (NOC)
To view all of the NOCs published by the EAC, please visit the Notice of Clarifications section of the Certification Program Web site.

IEEE Seeks Comments on Draft Standard
The IEEE 1622 Working Group is accepting public comments for its draft Standard for Voting Equipment Electronic Data Interchange. Learn more.

Conformity Assessment Testing
Read this article to find out more about how EAC conducts conformity assessment testing for voting systems, a process EAC calls the Voting System Testing and Certification Program.

A Survey of Internet Voting
The EAC Certification Division has released the technical report “A Survey of Internet Voting,” a comprehensive review of Internet voting systems used in elections worldwide between 2000 and 2011. EAC staff conducted the study to assist in the development of electronic absentee voting guidelines, specifically to assist the Commission’s efforts to identify technologies that could improve services for military and overseas voters and voters with disabilities.

TGDC work on Voting Systems Guidelines
The Technical Guidelines Development Committee (TGDC) assists EAC in developing the Voluntary Voting System Guidelines. The TGDC met July 26-27 at NIST. Watch the webcast, read the agenda and get more information here.

Voting System Test Laboratory Program Manual
EAC is soliciting comments on version 1.0 of the EAC Voting System Test Laboratory Program Manual. The comment period ends October 17, 2011. View instructions for submitting comments here.

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### Quality Monitoring Program

EAC's [Quality Monitoring Program](#) is designed to ensure that voting systems certified by EAC are the same systems sold by manufacturers. The quality monitoring process is a mandatory part of the program and includes elements such as fielded voting system review, anomaly reporting, and manufacturing site visits. EAC has issued two system advisories for the Unity 3.2.1.0. The advisory alerts include recommended procedures, possible root causes and contact information for those jurisdictions with additional questions. See all [System Advisory Notices](#) that EAC has issued.

Election Officials may now use the new [Voting System Anomaly Reporting Web Form](#) to report voting system anomalies to the EAC.

EAC Initiates [Formal Investigation Into ES&S Unity 3.2.0.0 Voting System](#). See the [Formal Investigation Anomaly Status chart](#) that depicts the status of four anomalies. Election Officials should continue to follow EAC’s recommended workarounds. See the correspondence and timeline for more information.