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Opening Remarks
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It's a pleasure to be here with you all today.

You'll be hearing a lot about our work throughout the day from our program staff, so I won't go into a lot of detail now.

But I want to provide a quick overview of important developments that have taken place at EAC over the last 18 months. These changes have greatly improved our service to election officials.

- Our voting system testing and certification program is fully established and productive:
 - We've certified four voting systems and several more are currently being tested.
 - We've also begun monitoring the voting systems we've certified that are being used in the field.
- We've built up the expertise in our grants and payments division, providing faster response times to inquiries about requirements payments and technical assistance to prepare states for federal audits.
- We earned a clean audit opinion during our last fiscal year financial audit. This is no small achievement for a new federal agency.
- We've completely overhauled our Web site with modern search and navigation tools.
 - With one click you can browse materials such as our Election Management Guidelines, Quick Start Guides, and translated voter guides and election glossaries.
 - You can submit questions or feedback online, sign up to receive automatic e-mail updates of topics of greatest interest to you, and quickly find what you're looking for through our state-of-the-art navigation system.

- You can easily get the latest news on issues you care most about, such as maintenance of expenditure or new grant opportunities.
- And as you may have learned from our meeting on Monday, we're poised to begin issuing rules concerning the NVRA, and we look forward to getting your feedback throughout the process.

So these last 18 months have been momentous in EAC's short history. Of course, there's always more work to do, but the milestones we've reached over the last several months will give us the momentum to continue building on our successes and providing ever better service to officials.