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09/20/2005 05:02 PM

To klynndyson@eac.gov

cc twilkey@eac.gov, ggilmour@eac.gov, cpaquette@eac.gov

bcc

Subject RE: Voting Fraud and Intimidation contract

Great -- thanks so much for the update, and I'll look forward to hearing from Gavin soon. Tova
-----Original Message-----

From: klynndyson@eac.gov [mailto:klynndyson@eac.gov]

Sent: Tuesday, September 20, 2005 3:58 PM

To: wang@tcf.org

Cc: twilkey@eac.gov; ggilmour@eac.gov; cpaquette@eac.gov

Subject: Re: Voting Fraud and Intimidation contract

Tova-

The contracts are completed, although not formally signed by the Chair of the Commission (a formality)

As discussed, the contract will be for six months-September 26- February 28 for a fixed contract fee of \$50,000 plus and additional \$5,000 for expenses.

\$10,000 has been set aside in the FY 05 EAC budget to cover working group costs.

Gavin Gilmour will be the EAC staff project manager, to whom you and Job will be reporting.

Gavin should be in touch in the next day or so, with more details and specifics related to getting the project started.

Thanks

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"Tova Wang" <wang@tcf.org>

09/20/2005 04:38 PM

To klynndyson@eac.gov, nmortellito@eac.gov

cc

Subject

016091



Hi Karen and Nicole,

I know you guys have been swamped, but I wanted to check in because I haven't heard from you and I am getting all sorts of information from Job, second hand. I would rather not operate that way. Is it the case that the contracts have been finalized? Can you give me a hint about the terms? When might I be seeing a copy? Thanks so much.

Best wishes,

Tova

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"Job Serebrov"
[REDACTED]

09/15/2005 05:27 PM

To klynndyson@eac.gov

cc

bcc

Subject Schedule

History:  This message has been replied to

Karen:

I remained in this afternoon. However, I will have to leave for a time at around 6:00 pm your time. Do you think you will be communicating with us regarding our finished contracts before that time?

Job

016093



"Job Serebrov"
[Redacted]

09/15/2005 12:00 PM

To "Karen Lynn Dyson" <klynndyson@eac.gov>

cc

bcc

Subject question

History:

 This message has been replied to.

Karen:

What time will you be getting with us today on our contracts. I do not want to be out when you do.

Job

016094



Nicole
Mortellito/CONTRACTOR/EAC
/GOV

09/12/2005 10:25 AM

To Nicole Mortellito/CONTRACTOR/EAC/GOV@EAC

cc Karen Lynn-Dyson/EAC/GOV@EAC, "Stephen
Ansolabehere" <sda@MIT.EDU>, "Job Serebrov"

bcc [REDACTED], Thomas R.

Subject Voter Fraud Project Team Update

Steve, Tova and Job,

We at the EAC are sorry to hear that Steve will need to withdraw from the Voter Fraud project but understand that he is doing what he feels is in the best interest of himself and his colleague.

Karen has asked me to let you know that she and Tom will meet at some juncture today to discuss further strategy of this project. They have asked me to ensure both Tova and Job that this change in the team will in no way change the EAC's commitment to this project or to the two of you. We will be back in touch with you in the next two days with further information on contracting and pay as well as other aspects of the project.

Thanks so much.

Regards,

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016095



"Job Serebrov"
[REDACTED]
09/26/2005 05:39 PM

To klynndyson@eac.gov
cc
bcc
Subject Re: Gavin

Karen:

I tried to call you and will try again but Peg did not call today. If I don't hear from her first thing in the morning, I will call.

Job

--- klynndyson@eac.gov wrote:

> You and Tova will be hearing from Peg Sims today.

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> Peg will be managing your project.

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> Karen Lynn-Dyson

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> "Job Serebrov" [REDACTED] >

> 09/26/2005 11:38 AM

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> To

> klynndyson@eac.gov

> cc

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> Subject

> Gavin

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> Karen:

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> Still no work from Gavin. Can you remind him to

> contact us. We are holding up travel plans as well

> as

> project plans while we wait.

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> Regards,

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> Job
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>
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**Deliberative Process
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Diana Scott/EAC/GOV
10/03/2005 03:18 PM

To Carol A. Paquette/EAC/GOV@EAC
cc klynndyson@eac.gov, Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV@EAC,
Thomas R. Wilkey/EAC/GOV@EAC
bcc
Subject Re: The \$10,000 for the Voting Fraud/Intimidation Working
Group 

Carol,

There is a mechanism in place which could have obligated the \$10,000. Since the end of August, I have been sending out to all personnel those "End of Fiscal Year 05" reminder emails which spell out that folks should advise me of any "expected expenditures" to be paid from FY05 funds. It cannot be obligated if I am not advise of it.

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Carol A.
Paquette/EAC/GOV

10/03/2005 02:51 PM

To klynndyson@eac.gov@EAC
Diana Scott/EAC/GOV@EAC, Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV@EAC, Thomas R.
cc Wilkey/EAC/GOV@EAC
Subject Re: The \$10,000 for the Voting Fraud/Intimidation Working Group [Link](#)

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Karen, Peg -

This is to confirm that the \$10,000 for the meeting was not obligated because there was no mechanism to do so (e.g., no contract vehicle). However, it is my understanding from Julie and Tom that OMB said we could go ahead with contracting that needs to get underway before final budget is passed, so I would assume we could devote some funding to this. We will have to look at the dollar level that we're receiving

inder the CR and see how that has to be allocated to on-going expenses versus new items.

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Karen Lynn-Dyson/EAC/GOV

10/03/2005 01:52 PM

To Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV@EAC, Diana Scott/EAC/GOV@EAC
cc Carol A. Paquette/EAC/GOV@EAC, Thomas R. Wilkey/EAC/GOV@EAC
Subject The \$10,000 for the Voting Fraud/Intimidation Working Group

Peg and Diana-

It's very likely that the \$10,000 that was to be set aside for the Voting Fraud and Intimidation Working Group's expenses did not get obligated, and that only funds to pay the consultants were obligated.

The amount to be obligated for this project was to be \$120,000. \$55,000 was to be given to Tova Wang and \$55,000 to Job Sereborv.

It's likely that Tova and Job will have to wait until 2006 funds are available, to hold their working group meeting. Alternatively, Peg, perhaps you'll want to have a series of conference calls with their working group until there is money for them to meet in-person?

Karen

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**Deliberative Process
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10/06/2005 02:48 PM

To psims@eac.gov@EAC
cc Gavin S. Gilmour/EAC/GOV@EAC, jthompson@eac.gov,
Karen Lynn-Dyson/EAC/GOV@EAC, twilkey@eac.gov
bcc
Subject Re: Voter Fraud Contract

Peggy -

I understand this is an issue. This is the reason we include the task to revise the project plan, so deliverable dates can get adjusted, if needed, based on when the work was actually begun.

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Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV

Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV
10/06/2005 01:53 PM

To Carol A. Paquette/EAC/GOV@EAC
cc twilkey@eac.gov, Karen Lynn-Dyson/EAC/GOV@EAC,
jthompson@eac.gov, Gavin S. Gilmour/EAC/GOV@EAC
Subject Re: Voter Fraud Contract

Carol:

This updated version is helpful to me but may be problematic for our contractors, who do not have a final contract and (I think) are unaware of the deliverable dates listed in this version. Of course, I did not inform them of these deadlines because I did not have them until today.

Unfortunately, the delay in getting the signed contracts out to our selected contractors has already adversely impacted deliverable dates for the contracts to which I have been assigned. Most contractors cannot hire researchers or commit funds without having a contract in hand, so they have had to delay their work.

--- Peggy

Carol A. Paquette/EAC/GOV

016100

Carol A. Paquette/EAC/GOV
10/06/2005 01:07 PM

To klynndyson@eac.gov@EAC
Gavin S. Gilmour/EAC/GOV@EAC, Juliet E.
cc Thompson/EAC/GOV@EAC, Margaret
Sims/EAC/GOV@EAC, Thomas R. Wilkey/EAC/GOV@EAC
Subject Re: Voter Fraud Contract

The SOWs that Karen provides below were revised for these contracts. I have attached one of these for your information, since they are identical.



Wang consulting contract.doc

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Karen Lynn-Dyson/EAC/GOV

Karen Lynn-Dyson/EAC/GOV
10/06/2005 12:28 PM

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Sims/EAC/GOV@EAC, Thomas R. Wilkey/EAC/GOV@EAC
Subject Re: Voter Fraud Contract

Gavin-

A few answers to your questions:

They have not received contracts but did receive a Statement of Work about a month ago.

That Statement of Work does not reference use of Westlaw or a law clerk. I have no recollection of offering such services. I have, however, had many conversations with Tova and Job. At some point I may have said that because the EAC has Westlaw and legal interns, there may or may not be a way from Job and Tova to avail them of these services.

The Statements of Work developed (see draft attached) were used in place of an RFP. Tova and Job are to serve as consultants on a project that may or may not result in their developing an RFP on voting fraud and intimidation for the EAC.



Job Serebrov sow.doc Tova Wang sow.doc
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Gavin S. Gilmour/EAC/GOV

Gavin S. Gilmour/EAC/GOV
10/06/2005 11:50 AM

To Karen Lynn-Dyson/EAC/GOV@EAC, Margaret
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Thompson/EAC/GOV@EAC, Thomas R.
Wilkey/EAC/GOV@EAC
cc Carol A. Paquette/EAC/GOV@EAC

Subject Voter Fraud Contract

Karen/Tom,

Peggy held a meeting with voting fraud/intimidation contractors. In this meeting they noted that despite the fact that the contract requires them to perform legal research, they do not have the means to do so (no access to Westlaw, etc.). They noted that in discussions with the two of you, they were told that the EAC would provide them access to West Law and, possibly, a law clerk with office space. None of this is noted in the contract. They claim to have never seen the contract? Do we have their response to our RFP? We will all need to meet to clarify this.

GG

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Amie J. Sherrill/EAC/GOV
10/18/2005 04:39 PM

To Karen Lynn-Dyson/EAC/GOV@EAC
cc
bcc
Subject Re: Fw: Requested Documents

Thanks!!

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Karen Lynn-Dyson/EAC/GOV

Karen Lynn-Dyson/EAC/GOV

10/18/2005 04:38 PM

To Amie J. Sherrill/EAC/GOV@EAC
cc
Subject Fw: Requested Documents

Aimee-

In case you couldn't open up the document which describes Job's elections background

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----- Forwarded by Karen Lynn-Dyson/EAC/GOV on 10/17/2005 04:36 PM -----



"Job Serebrov"
[REDACTED]
08/19/2005 04:14 PM

To klynndyson@eac.gov
cc
Subject Re: Requested Documents

Karen:

I enjoyed the discussion too. I really think that this project will be of national importance and can positively affect elections administration while providing an answer to the handling of the vote fraud problem for the future.

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On another note, why don't you leave an evening free while I am there for dinner. I am trying to bring my wife along. If you can bring your husband it could make for an interesting evening.

Regards,

Job

Summary of Election Activities of Job Serebrov

Background to Election Problems in Arkansas

Ever since Reconstruction, Arkansas has had a history of election problems. The election fraud that gave rise to the Brooks-Baxter War in Arkansas in the 1870s involved people from both sides of the aisle voting more than once, the dead rising to cast a ballot or two, destroying ballots, creating ballots and making ballot boxes disappear. A strong one-party system perpetuated this tradition into modern times.

In 1995, I met with Arkansas Supreme Court Justice Tom Glaze to discuss voting issues and my efforts to clean up the electoral process. Although supportive, Justice Glaze encouraged me to proceed with caution. Before being elected to the Supreme Court, Justice Glaze had been employed in the 1960s by Gov. Win Rockefeller to clean up ballot fraud throughout Arkansas. He was nearly disbarred in the process by those involved in ballot fraud in a small, rural county.

Shortly after my discussion with Justice Glaze, I discovered how pervasive the election problems were in the state. For instance, ballot boxes were stuffed or disappeared into the night only to return altered. Contrary to state law, county sheriffs running in contested elections maintained custody of the ballot boxes. In one instance, 20 voted ballot boxes were found in the attic of a sheriff's deputy after he died.

Attorney (1991-2004)

In my private practice as an attorney, I represented numerous clients in county election contests throughout Arkansas. I also represented clients in matters before the Federal Election Commission. I have never lost an election case. Finally, I was hired as a consultant to a major nonprofit legal organization to review and summarize the 2002 amendments to federal election laws and apply the new law to 10 scenarios.

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Member, Washington County Board of Election
Commissioners, Fayetteville, Arkansas (1990-1996)

This board consisted of three commissioners; I was the lone Republican. We were charged with supervising the

training of poll workers, evaluating voting systems and then purchasing an optical scan system to be used countywide, preparing and justifying our annual budget before the Washington County Quorum Court, hiring and supervising staff and sitting as an administrative tribunal.

When I first came on the board, Washington County was primarily a one-party county and the Democrats were used to running elections according to tradition rather than the law. I had to battle with the two Democrats on the board to enforce election laws within the county. As I started to force the issue in the courts, the Republican Party gained strength. Four years later and after outlasting eight Democrat commissioners, I was able to work with new Democrat commissioners who recognized the need to enforce the law. At this point, the commission requested that I draft administrative regulations for the board. These remain in place today.

Founder, President, General Counsel; Arkansans for Fair Elections (1994-1999)

In 1994, Gov. Mike Huckabee (R), then a candidate for lieutenant governor, asked me to serve as his general counsel for ballot fraud protection. Thinking it best to act independently of any candidate, I formed Arkansans for Fair Elections. I served as the organization's president and, later, general counsel. This group launched a statewide educational campaign to train poll watchers to recognize irregular or fraudulent electoral procedures; this included the creation of literature and a video. Our extensive public relations campaign brought media attention to the issue. We also organized a statewide team of citizen poll watchers and attorneys to ensure that the election laws were fairly enforced. We were so successful in the lieutenant governor's race that Arkansans for Fair Elections was asked to continue the effort until 1999 when I moved to Louisiana.

General Counsel - Ballot Fraud Protection Committee, Republican Party of Arkansas (1995-1999)

In late 1995, Asa Hutchinson, chairman of the Republican Party of Arkansas, appointed me as general counsel for the newly formed Ballot Fraud Protection Committee of the state party. I retained this position until 1999. I was responsible for coordinating statewide enforcement efforts and directing a legal team to respond to problematic situations prior to and on election day.

(Through my role with Arkansans for Fair Elections and the Ballot Fraud Protection Committee, I successfully sued or negotiated a settlement in more than two-thirds of the 75 counties in Arkansas over electoral irregularities.)

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Legal Consultant to Republican Members of the Arkansas General Assembly (1994-1996)

Republicans in the General Assembly requested that I review and draft suggested changes to Arkansas election law. Based on my personal experience as an election commissioner and as an election attorney, I identified a number of areas of concern and drafted new statutes modeled on the best examples that I could find from other states. My proposal was not passed by the Democrat-controlled General Assembly as a package, however, several of its components were passed into law.

Consultant to the Arkansas Court of Appeals Redistricting Commission (1996-1999)

I drafted five redistricting bills and maps for the constitutionally required redistricting of the Arkansas Court of Appeals. These bills were based on current U.S. Supreme Court precedent regarding gerrymandering. I had to present each bill and give supporting testimony to the commission.

Director of International Development - Louisiana State University, Baton Rouge, Louisiana (2000-2003)

Part of my duties as director was to develop international cooperative projects. The theme of several of these proposals was democratization. In each case, I required review of the national election code of the country involved.

My activities in Namibia led to a request by the director of the Namibian Election Commission, Joram Rukambe and the Speaker of the Namibian National Assembly, Dr. Mose Tjitendero to review and suggest changes to the Namibian election code. This review took three months and resulted in proposed alterations a number of code sections. These suggestions were considered by the Namibian National Assembly and a number were incorporated into the code revisions. Additionally, I drafted legislation for the Speaker to guarantee voting rights to agricultural workers that were being denied by the owners of the farms. This legislation also was passed into law.

During this time, I was qualified as an election expert and placed on an election consultant list by the United Nations, IFES and the Electoral Institute of Southern Africa.

Related Memberships

- Republican Party of Arkansas (1990-1999)
- Benton County, Arkansas, Republican Committee

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(1996-1999)

- Washington County, Arkansas, Republican Committee (1990-1996)

(When we moved to Louisiana in 1999, the party was in such turmoil that it was difficult to get involved. This past year, I have been prohibited by the Hatch Act from participating in partisan politics. This prohibition ends August 19 when my judicial clerkship ends.)

Related Education

- Graduate certificate in electoral governance, Griffith University, Queensland, Australia (2003)

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Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV
10/18/2005 04:16 PM

To Karen Lynn-Dyson/EAC/GOV@EAC
cc daniel.murphy@charter.net
bcc
Subject Re: advisory group

History: This message has been replied to.

Karen and Dan:

The reporter got it wrong. The Academy applied on its own for a Help America Vote College Program grant in 2004 and did not get one. The reporter found evidence of EAC's decision to reconsider the Academy's application and interpreted that to mean that EAC changed its mind about giving the program a grant. We didn't. Jeannie Layson set the reporter straight, confirming that the organization had received no grant from EAC. Furthermore, we have received nothing either from the Academy or the University to indicate that these two entities are jointly participating in any activities funded under the Help America Vote College program.

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Karen Lynn-Dyson/EAC/GOV

Karen Lynn-Dyson/EAC/GOV
10/18/2005 03:35 PM

To daniel.murphy@charter.net@GSAEXTERNAL
cc Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV@EAC
Subject Re: advisory group

Thanks for keeping me in the loop on this

Also, about two months ago there was the controversy in Michigan about the person who falsely claimed she had gotten a HAVA college poll worker grant and somehow she was attempting to align herself with Eastern Michigan. Please investigate - I may be presenting the story very inaccurately.

Thanks

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016108

Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV
10/07/2005 04:14 PM

To Karen Lynn-Dyson/EAC/GOV@EAC
cc
bcc
Subject Comments for Thad Hall Delayed

Karen:

Due to the workload this week, I won't have the comments for Thad Hall together by COB today. I should have something to send out by COB Tuesday (10/11). --- Peggy

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**Deliberative Process
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Juliet E. Thompson/EAC/GOV
11/01/2005 02:07 PM

To Karen Lynn-Dyson/EAC/GOV@EAC
cc
bcc
Subject Re: Edits to the Tova/Job chron memo

Must say that were awarded not to be awarded unless there are subsequent communications after Tally Vote. If the latter, then I need to know what those are.

Feel like crap still running a fever.

Sent from my BlackBerry Wireless Handheld
Karen Lynn-Dyson

From: Karen Lynn-Dyson
Sent: 11/01/2005 12:44 PM
To: Juliet Thompson
Cc: Gavin Gilmour
Subject: Edits to the Tova/Job chron memo

Julie-

Here are my suggested edits to the memo.

Feeling any better?

K



chron for tova and job.doc

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016110

Juliet E. Thompson/EAC/GOV
11/01/2005 12:21 PM

To Karen Lynn-Dyson/EAC/GOV@EAC
cc
bcc

Subject Statement re: job and tova

Can you take a look at this and tell me if it accurately reflects the work that has been done and the communication of the award? Please let me know as soon as possible if this is accurate or need revision.



Statement of Karen LYnn Dyson.doc

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016111

Juliet E. Thompson/EAC/GOV
10/30/2005 09:34 PM

To Karen Lynn-Dyson/EAC/GOV@EAC
cc
bcc

Subject Monday - Job and Tova

I need a few minutes with you Monday morning to discuss how this was communicated to Job and Tova. Unfortunately, I have an appointment out of the office at 10:30 and I will be out until after noon. Will you be in before that or can you call me on my Blackberry before that time? I would like to get this moving quickly.

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Juliet E. Thompson/EAC/GOV
10/30/2005 09:33 PM

To Carol A. Paquette/EAC/GOV@EAC, Nicole
Mortellito/CONTRACTOR/EAC/GOV@EAC, Karen
Lynn-Dyson/EAC/GOV@EAC

cc

bcc

Subject Contract for Tova and Job

Who has the contract electronically for these two people? I need to make some minor changes to the final version. If you have it, please email it to me immediately.

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016113



"Tova Wang" <wang@tcf.org>

11/14/2005 12:05 PM

To klynndyson@eac.gov

cc ecortes@eac.gov

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Subject RE: a different topic

Thanks so much Karen.

Edgardo, is there a time we might talk by phone in the next day or two? I can be reached at 212-452-7704. Thanks so much. Tova

-----Original Message-----

From: klynndyson@eac.gov [mailto:klynndyson@eac.gov]

Sent: Monday, November 14, 2005 11:56 AM

To: wang@tcf.org

Cc: ecortes@eac.gov

Subject: Re: a different topic

Tova-

Good to see you, as well.

My colleague, Edgardo Cortes is the EAC staff person who has taken the lead on this work.

Edgardo-

Tova Wang is one of consultants who is working with Peg Sims on the voting fraud and intimidation project.

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11/13/2005 08:12
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klynndyson@eac.gov

To

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Subject

a different topic

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"Job Serebrov"
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09/23/2005 05:01 PM

To klynndyson@eac.gov

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Subject Re:EAC project oversight by Gavin Gilmour

History

 This message has been replied to.

Karen:

Gavin has not yet contacted us. Do you know if he will do so on Monday?

Job

--- klynndyson@eac.gov wrote:

> Job and Tova-
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> As I think you both know, Gavin Gilmour, EAC's
> Deputy General Counsel,
> will be providing agency oversight for your project.
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> Gavin will be in touch in the next day or so, to go
> over next steps on
> this project. Also, I believe your contracts will
> be in the mail later
> today.
>
> Regards-
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Gavin S. Gilmour/EAC/GOV
09/22/2005 01:24 PM

To Karen Lynn-Dyson/EAC/GOV@EAC
cc
bcc
Subject Re: Re:EAC project oversight by Gavin Gilmour

This issue will be discussed on monday. The problem is that lawers generally should not taken on this role... Such mixing of roles creates problems. But, again this will be discussed next week.

Next week promises to be quite busy... To the extent we can avoid last minute action I would appreciate it.

Thanks

Gg

Sent from my BlackBerry Wireless Handheld
Karen Lynn-Dyson

From: Karen Lynn-Dyson
Sent: 09/22/2005 01:15 PM
To: Gavin Gilmour
Cc: Juliet Thompson; Thomas Wilkey
Subject: Re: Re:EAC project oversight by Gavin Gilmour

All this can wait until next week.

At that time I will, of course,bring you up to speed on the project. The overriding concern Tom Wilkey and the Commissioners have is that this project really needs close management and supervision. It really should be overseen by a lawyer and by an EAC staff person with an understanding of the political sensitivities and issues that will surround the topic.

Hopefully this management/oversight issue can be successfully resolved.

Thanks

K

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09/22/2005 12:54 PM

To Karen Lynn-Dyson/EAC/GOV@EAC

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cc Jthompson@eac.gov
Subject Re: Re:EAC project oversight by Gavin Gilmour

Karen,

I will not be in until next week. Presently I do not know a thing about this program. Further, there are some concerns regarding counsel taking this role. Julie and I will be addressing them on my return.

Also, use of the term salary concerns me... These are contractors, correct? As such that term is most likely inappropriate.

Finally, if this is a question that needs to be answered in the short term (as your response suggest) please respond. I am sure carol and diane will assist you.

Thanks
Gg

Sent from my BlackBerry Wireless Handheld
Karen Lynn-Dyson

From: Karen Lynn-Dyson
Sent: 09/22/2005 12:36 PM
To: Gavin Gilmour
Subject: Fw: Re:EAC project oversight by Gavin Gilmour

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----- Forwarded by Karen Lynn-Dyson/EAC/GOV on 09/21/2005 12:35 PM -----



"Job Serebrov"

09/22/2005 10:19 AM

To klynndyson@eac.gov

cc

Subject Re:EAC project oversight by Gavin Gilmour

Ok. I hope to hear from him either today or tomorrow. Hopefully, I will see you in DC in the next few weeks.

Job

--- klynndyson@eac.gov wrote:

> Job-
>
> I haven't, as yet, been able to get an answer for

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> you.
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> I'm going to ask Gavin to pursue this for you.
>
> Thanks
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> K
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> Karen Lynn-Dyson
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> "Job Serebrov" [REDACTED]
> 09/22/2005 10:01 AM
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> To
> klynndyson@eac.gov, wang@tcf.org
> cc
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> Subject
> Re:EAC project oversight by Gavin Gilmour
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> Karen:
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> Were you able to get any answers as to my questions
> on
> salary? Specifically, when will we receive our first
> check and do we have to invoice for it or only for
> expenses, and if we need to invoice for salary, when
> do we need to mail, fax or e-mail the invoice so we
> are paid on time?
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> Job
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> --- klynndyson@eac.gov wrote:
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> > Job and Tova-
> >
> > As I think you both know, Gavin Gilmour, EAC's
> > Deputy General Counsel,
> > will be providing agency oversight for your
> > project.
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> > Gavin will be in touch in the next day or so, to
> > go
> > over next steps on
> > this project. Also, I believe your contracts will
> > be in the mail later
> > today.

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> > Regards-
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"Job Serebrov"
[REDACTED]

09/20/2005 11:41 AM

To klynndyson@eac.gov

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bcc

Subject Question

Karen:

I am in the process of scheduling the first meeting for DC. Tova and I have settled on Friday Oct 7. Is there a room available at the EAC and when will we be receiving our contracts? I assume you are mailing them. Do we need to sign them?

Job

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"Tova Wang" <wang@tcf.org>

09/19/2005 03:58 PM

To klynndyson@eac.gov

cc

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Subject RE: Article

Hi Karen,

Sounds like progress is being made. Here you go:

119701137
201 West 74th Street, Apt. 11F
NY, NY 10023

Tova

-----Original Message-----

From: klynndyson@eac.gov [mailto:klynndyson@eac.gov]

Sent: Monday, September 19, 2005 2:50 PM

To: [REDACTED]

Cc: tova Wang

Subject: Re: Article

Job and Tova-

Please send to me, ASAP, your social security numbers and the address to which your consulting checks should be sent.

Thanks

K

Thanks

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Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV
02/23/2006 08:34 AM

To twilkey@eac.gov, DScott@eac.gov, Karen
Lynn-Dyson/EAC/GOV@EAC
cc jthompson@eac.gov
bcc

Subject REVISED LABOR COSTS

I'm afraid my haste and the happy juice they gave me at yesterday morning's session caused me to double the labor costs expected for the Serebrov and Wang personal services contracts. The costs should be as follows:

Labor Cost (FY06):

If the consultants are paid \$111 per hour and each is expected to work 230 more hours, then we will need to set aside \$25,530 each for Tova Wang and Job Serebrov (or a total of \$51,060 for both).

(Please note that Gavin suggested that I put in a four month period (top of page 2), although we have budgeted only for 230 hours for each consultant. He thought that would take care of us if we need a few more days out of them and don't want to have to modify the contract.)

I had estimated that we would need \$50,000 in FY06 Research Funds (in addition to the \$5,000 per consultant in FY06 Research funds to cover travel) to bring this project to a logical stopping point. (I had also requested \$250,000 in research funds for any follow up RFP stage, but I know that Tom had to postpone any such RFP until FY07.)

As we would like the new contract period to begin this Sunday, February 26, I need to know what you need from me to help expedite this matter.

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Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV
02/23/2006 05:25 PM

To DScott@eac.gov
cc Karen Lynn-Dyson/EAC/GOV@EAC
bcc
Subject Revised Contracts-Cost Estimates

Diana:

OK. Here are the contracts for Tova Wang and Job Serebrov, revised per our discussion. The costs for each should be as follows:

Tova Wang

Labor Cost - \$24,975 (which is \$111 per hour X 225 hours maximum)
Travel Cost - \$6,500 maximum for FY06 (she has already spent or obligated \$3,037.09 of this.)

Job Serbrov

Labor Cost - \$24,975 (which is \$111 per hour X 225 hours maximum)
Travel Cost - \$3,500 maximum for FY06 (he has spent no travel funds so far this FY)

Total Costs for the Two Consultants: Labor Under these Contracts=\$49,950; Travel in FY06=\$10,000

--- Peggy



Tova--Intermittent Personal Services Contract (EXPERT).doc Job--Intermittent Personal Services Contract (EXPERT).doc

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Diana Scott/EAC/GOV
02/23/2006 05:04 PM

To Thomas R. Wilkey/EAC/GOV@EAC,
klyndyson@eac.gov@EAC, Margaret
Sims/EAC/GOV@EAC
cc Bola Olu/EAC/GOV@EAC

bcc

Subject Tova Wang/Job Serebrov/Improving Election Data Collection
Project--FY06 Budget

History: This message has been forwarded.

All,

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Job Serebrov	\$ 30,000

Plz let me know if the above differs in any way with your understanding. Thanks.

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Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV
02/22/2006 05:36 PM

To Karen Lynn-Dyson/EAC/GOV@EAC
cc Diana Scott/EAC/GOV@EAC, Juliet E.
Thompson-Hodgkins/EAC/GOV@EAC, Thomas R.
Wilkey/EAC/GOV@EAC
bcc
Subject Re: Contracts for Continuing Personal Services-Wang and
Serebrov

History: This message has been replied to.

The money was on the list of items that I submitted to you in hard copy earlier this year (estimated at \$50,000 each), because we knew in December 2005 that we would need to pay for approximately three more months of personal services for these folks in order to get to a logical stopping point. Is it just that we do not have confirmation that the request for the additional amount for personal services was approved and included in the Research Budget? --- Peggy

Karen Lynn-Dyson/EAC/GOV

Karen Lynn-Dyson/EAC/GOV
02/22/2006 05:06 PM

To Diana Scott/EAC/GOV@EAC
cc Juliet E. Thompson-Hodgkins/EAC/GOV@EAC, Margaret
Sims/EAC/GOV@EAC, Thomas R. Wilkey/EAC/GOV@EAC
Subject Re: Contracts for Continuing Personal Services-Wang and
Serebrov

All-

Indeed, to my knowledge this money hasn't been set aside- at least not in the research budget. I await guidance from Diana and Tom.

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Diana Scott/EAC/GOV
02/22/2006 05:02 PM

To Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV@EAC
cc Karen Lynn-Dyson/EAC/GOV@EAC, Thomas R.
Wilkey/EAC/GOV@EAC, Juliet E.
Thompson-Hodgkins/EAC/GOV@EAC
Subject Re: Contracts for Continuing Personal Services-Wang and
Serebrov

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Peggy,

You cannot go ahead with a contract if you do not have the money in the budget for it. Gavin cannot determine a fiscal decision such as this.

Tom: Can we talk.

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Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV

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02/22/2006 04:45 PM

To DScott@eac.gov

cc Karen Lynn-Dyson/EAC/GOV@EAC

Subject Contracts for Continuing Personal Services-Wang and Serebrov

Diana:

Attached are the new contracts for the continuation of personal services from Tova Wang and Job Serebrov on the Voting Fraud/Voter Intimidation research project.. They each need an ACT #. (Julie gave me the EAC Contract #s.)

As we would like the new contract period to begin this Sunday, February 26, I need to know what you need from me to help expedite this matter.

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Travel Cost (FY06):

Tova Wang has used/obligated all but about \$1,962.91 of the \$5,000 allocated from the FY06 budget. Job Serebrov still should have all of the \$5,000 allocated to him from the FY06 budget.

--- Peg

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Gracia Hillman/EAC/GOV

12/01/2005 12:47 PM

To Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV@EAC

cc Thomas R. Wilkey/EAC/GOV@EAC, pdegregorio@eac.gov,
rmartinez@eac.gov, Ddavidson@eac.gov,
klynn-dyson@eac.gov

bcc

Subject Working Group for Voter Fraud/Intimidation Project

History:

This message has been forwarded.

Peg:

Following is the guidance that the commissioners are providing with respect to the composition of the working group for the Voter Fraud/Voter Intimidation project and the selection process.

8 Member Working Group

Participants to be chosen by the two consultants in consultation with you. There are two slots that will require consensus. If consensus can't be reached, then you should make the decision. If there is real disagreement among the three of you, then the commissioners will make the selection.

The participation process prescribed below provides for political balance. As always, we ask that the group be diverse with respect to participation of men, women and minorities.

4 people from the Academic, Legal and Advocacy sectors - 2 to be chosen by Tova and 2 to be chosen by Job. We support your recommendation that there be at least one academic in the working group to help advise and comment on the construct of the database and you should provide that guidance to Tova and Job.

2 State Level Election Officials - 1 selected by Tova and 1 selected by Job

1 Nonpartisan local election official (selected by you or by consensus among the 3 of you)

1 Representative from DOJ - you had recommended a man who was retired from the Voting Section or perhaps someone else with similar credentials to be selected by you or by consensus among the three of you. We assume that Craig Dosantos (?sp) will participate in this project as an "advisor" and therefore would not take up a slot on the working group.

I will be on travel on Friday (tomorrow), however please feel free to call me on my cell should you have questions or need additional clarification.

Many thanks for your terrific work.

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Diana Scott/EAC/GOV
01/19/2006 02:33 PM

To klynndyson@eac.gov@EAC
cc Bola Olu/EAC/GOV@EAC
bcc
Subject Fw: Tova Wang

Plz. provide info requested below. Thanks.

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Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV
01/19/2006 02:29 PM

To Diana Scott/EAC/GOV@EAC
cc Karen Lynn-Dyson/EAC/GOV@EAC
Subject Re: Tova Wang

The travel expenses for the research contracts I oversee are included in Karen's budget for Research, not under Programs and Services. --- Peggy

Diana Scott/EAC/GOV

Diana Scott/EAC/GOV
01/19/2006 02:05 PM

To Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV@EAC
cc Bola Olu/EAC/GOV@EAC
Subject Tova Wang

Peggy,

Can you indicate where in the Programs & Services budget are the following expenditures for travel for Tova Wang to be deducted from. Plz. advise. Thanks.

E4019833	Jan. 12-14	NY/WDC	\$979.20
E4019844	Jan. 23-25	NY/AR	\$1274.46

(You have indicated twice to me that these expenses are to be taken from FY06 funds and not the existing FY05 contract funds).

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Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV
01/19/2006 03:26 PM

To jthompson@eac.gov, Gavin S. Gilmour/EAC/GOV@EAC
cc Karen Lynn-Dyson/EAC/GOV@EAC
bcc
Subject Extension Needed for Voting Fraud/Voter Intimidation Project
Consultants

The estimated additional hours needed to bring the Voting Fraud/Voter Intimidation Project to a logical stopping point (without requiring a draft statement of work for any future RFPs on the topic) are:

Expert Interviews:

3 hours of scheduling

17 hours conducting the interviews

15 hours summarizing and analyzing the interviews

Subtotal: 35 hours

Nexis research, organization of research, summary of research (Tova): 180 hours

Lexis research, organization of research, summary of research (Job): 180 hours

Subtotal: 360 hours

Working Group preparation and meeting time: 20 hours

Final Report: 45 hours

Grand Total: 460

The sooner we find out if the Commissioners will accept this extension, the better. If the extension (or new contract for 3 additional months) is not accepted, we have to figure out what can be done in the limited time remaining. --- Peggy

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Subject FYI:FUND BALANCE FOR WANG & SEREBROV

Peggy:

Please note that the balance on Serebrov and Wang 's contract are \$14,451.68 and \$16,116.68 respectively.

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Bola Olu/EAC/GOV
02/15/2006 02:09 PM

To Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV@EAC
cc DScott@eac.gov, Karen Lynn-Dyson/EAC/GOV@EAC
bcc
Subject Re: FYI:FUND BALANCE FOR WANG & SEREBROV 

Peggy:

Wang's travel so far, is coming out of FY06. I am only responding to the comment you had in your respond " It does not reflect travel costs incurred against Wang's contract (see attached).



Wang Travel Cost Tracking.xls

If Wang's travel is coming out of FY06, then why are you deducting it from FY05? Does Wang have a travel fund in FY06?

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Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV
02/15/2006 01:15 PM

To Bola Olu/EAC/GOV@EAC
cc DScott@eac.gov, Karen Lynn-Dyson/EAC/GOV@EAC
Subject Re: FYI:FUND BALANCE FOR WANG & SEREBROV 

Bola:

Our attorneys have said that the travel expenses for these consultants have to come out of FY06 funds, so we bill their travel expenses against the FY06 Research budget and use the travel authorization/travel voucher process (at least for non-local travel). The pay for the consultants' personal services still comes from the FY05 Research budget. --- Peggy

Bola Olu/EAC/GOV

Bola Olu/EAC/GOV
02/15/2006 11:00 AM

To Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV@EAC
cc Diana Scott/EAC/GOV@EAC
Subject Re: FYI:FUND BALANCE FOR WANG & SEREBROV 

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Tova-Intermittent Personal Services Contract (EXPERT).doc Job-Intermittent Personal Services Contract (EXPERT).doc



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Diana Scott/EAC/GOV
02/22/2006 04:47 PM

To EAC Staff
cc
bcc
Subject Travel authorization requests

All,

Plz be reminded that your travel authorization requests are to be sent to this mailbox: *travelauthorizations@eac.gov* which is listed as *TravelAuthorizations* in the EAC Directory. Plz. do not send requests to EAC Travel Authorizations Team; requests erroneously sent to EAC Travel Authorizations Team will not be processed. Thanks.

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cc

Subject EAC Statement

Hello everyone,

I'm sure you have read the article in today's NYT about the voter fraud report this agency issued. Today, Congressmen Hinchey and Serrano have issued the following statement. Very shortly, EAC will post and distribute the attached statement to articulate our role and approach to conducting research and the steps we will take to improve our process. Please let me know if you have any questions about this, as I am sure we will all receive phone calls today about this issue. You may also direct people with questions to the statement that will be on the website. I will keep everyone informed as this situation evolves.



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April 11, 2007

Hinchey, Serrano Urge Non-Partisanship, Greater Transparency at Election Assistance Commission

Washington, DC - Today, Congressmen Maurice Hinchey (NY-22) and José E Serrano (NY-16) urged the Election Assistance Commission (EAC) to act with greater transparency and without partisanship. The comments from the congressmen came as the House Appropriations Subcommittee on Financial Services and General Government released a draft version of an EAC report on voter fraud and intimidation that shows significant changes were made to the findings of outside experts before the final report was released.

"The EAC has an obligation to be forthright with the American people and operate transparently and in a non-partisan manner," said Congressman Hinchey, who requested the draft report from EAC Commissioner Donetta L. Davidson during subcommittee hearing last month. "The draft report was commissioned with taxpayer dollars upon a mandate from Congress so that we could learn more about voter fraud and intimidation. The need for this report is even more clear when we see the way in which the Bush administration is carrying out the electoral process and how this system is sliding towards corruption. In hiding a draft report from the public that is significantly different from the final version, the EAC has created a lot more questions than it has answered while stunting debate on the issue. In order for our democracy to function properly it is essential that our elections are free of any corruption and that includes ensuring that the EAC does not work to benefit one political party over the other. To achieve that goal we must have all the facts and opinions on the table, not just some of them. The EAC must never limit discussion and debate."

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"The EAC is charged with helping to ensure our elections are trustworthy and administered fairly," said Congressman Serrano, who is Chair of the Appropriations Subcommittee that oversees the EAC budget. "I'm concerned if changes were made to the report on voter fraud because of partisan bias rather than impartial analysis. When you read the draft report side-by-side with the final version, it is clear that important conclusions of the experts who wrote the draft report were excluded from the final product. Among the excluded information is an analysis that undermines the notion that voter fraud is rampant.

"I am concerned that the EAC did not publicly release the taxpayer-funded draft report, and I worry that political considerations may have played a role. We cannot have a politicized EAC, or one that yields to outside pressure. Our democracy, and the American people's faith in it, is far more important than a short-term political advantage."

The draft report was written by outside experts under contract with the EAC. The final report was entitled "Election Crimes: An Initial Review and Recommendations for Future Study" and was issued on December 7, 2006.

The EAC is an independent bipartisan commission created by the 2002 Help America Vote Act in order to disburse funds to the states for the purchase of voting systems, certify voting technologies, develop guidelines and serve as an information resource for election administration.

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Joyce Wilson /EAC/GOV
10/12/2006 01:42 PM

To Paul DeGregorio/EAC/GOV@EAC
cc Jeannie Layson/EAC/GOV@EAC
bcc

Subject Fw: Voting Fraud

History: This message has been replied to.

— Forwarded by Joyce Wilson/EAC/GOV on 10/12/2006 01:39 PM —



10/11/2006 06:34 PM

To HAVAINfo@eac.gov
cc
Subject Voting Fraud

In an article in USA Today (10/10/2006), is this quote: "Advocates of registration and photo identification laws say they are needed to prevent fraud."

Another quote in the same article is: "Paul DeGregorio, chairman of the Election Assistance Commission, says the laws should not discourage citizens from voting. Far worse, he says, would be for states to ignore problems that cause Americans to distrust the process."

In my opinion as an American citizen who carries all the required papers, DeGregorio is right.

It doesn't matter who votes, since our votes don't count anyway. Politicians do as they please no matter what the people want. As we have seen in the past eight years, the past four years in particular, politicians will do or say anything that will further their personal agendas.

I don't believe enough voting fraud happens to make any kind of difference. And since what the voters want doesn't count anyway, it doesn't actually matter. But what a convenient thing it is on which to focus attention and argument for the very people who don't want their own fraud and dishonesty to be remembered come voting day.

I am an example of exactly what DeGregorio spoke of: a citizen who carries all the now-required paperwork, and has finally realized that the system is completely bogus.

Heather Greyvelle

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cc Bola Olu/EAC/GOV@EAC
Subject Tova Wang/Job Serebrov/Improving Election Data Collection
Project--FY06 Budget

All,

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Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV
03/14/2006 06:29 PM

To Jeannie Layson/EAC/GOV@EAC
cc Karen Lynn-Dyson/EAC/GOV@EAC
bcc
Subject Status: Preliminary Research on Voting Fraud/Voter
Intimidation

Jeannie:

Karen asked me to provide a response to the following question you received from Roy Saltman:

(2) On p. 27 of the 2005 Annual Report, it states that EAC contracted with two consultants to conduct preliminary research on the issues of voting fraud and voter intimidation. Can you tell me who these organizations or individuals are, and when their reports might be available? If they are available now, how can I obtain them?

The two consultants are Tova Wang and Job Serebrov. We expect the consultants to file a report with the EAC in May. EAC Commissioners will have to review and accept the report before it can be released.

Hope this works for you. --- Peggy

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Peggy:

I was just processing your email properly - light bulb moment! The 2 trips of Wang is not coming out of this contract because the 2 trips were processed like any regular travel and they were assigned new/different Act numbers. For Wang's travel to come out of this contract, her travel cannot be processed as a regular travel. If memory serves me correctly, I believe this was the reason why Diana was asking you where these funds was coming out from and I believe she was told - Research.

To date, Wang's travel has been expensed or charged against Research (Survey/Surveys - Contractual services). For Wang's travel to come out of the allocated \$5,000, she will have to provide an invoice with all her travel expense. She could either submit this separately or she can add her travel expense with her monthly invoice.

The same applies to Serebrov. So long as they get a different Act number for their travel, their travel expense will not be coming out of the allocated travel fund.

I will be more than happy to answer any questions.

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02/08/2006 05:03 PM

To Bola Olu/EAC/GOV@EAC

cc

Subject Re: FYI:FUND BALANCE FOR WANG & SEREBROV 

That pretty much matches what I have for Serebrov (see attached). Serebrov has used none of his travel money. It does not reflect travel costs incurred against Wang's contract (see attached). --- Peggy



Serebrov Payment Tracking.xls



Wang Payment Tracking.xls



Wang Travel Cost Tracking.xls

Bola Olu/EAC/GOV

Bola Olu/EAC/GOV

02/08/2006 04:04 PM

To Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV@EAC

cc Diana Scott/EAC/GOV@EAC

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Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV
05/04/2006 02:07 PM

To pdegregorio@eac.gov, rmartinez@eac.gov,
ddavidson@eac.gov, ghillman@eac.gov
cc twilkey@eac.gov, jthompson@eac.gov, Gavin S.
Gilmour/EAC/GOV@EAC, Arnie J. Sherrill/EAC/GOV@EAC,
Adam Ambrogi/EAC/GOV@EAC, Elieen L.
bcc

Subject Voting Fraud-Voter Intimidation Working Group Meeting

History:  This message has been forwarded.

Dear Commissioners:

This is to let you know that the Working Group for our Voting Fraud and Voter Intimidation preliminary research project is scheduled to meet in EAC's large conference room the afternoon of Thursday, May 18. I will provide more information about this meeting to you later.

Peggy Sims
Election Research Specialist

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Bola Olu/EAC/GOV
05/17/2006 11:58 AM

To: Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV@EAC, Karen
Lynn-Dyson/EAC/GOV@EAC
cc
bcc
Subject: Fw: WHO IS PAYING FOR THE VFVI Working Group
Meeting on May 18th.

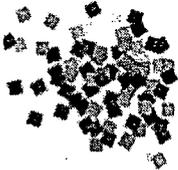
In terms of travel cost etc.

THANK YOU!

Bola Olu
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"In business, really in all of life, it is impossible to say "thank you" too many times"

----- Forwarded by Bola Olu/EAC/GOV on 05/17/2006 11:51 AM -----



Devon E. Romig/EAC/GOV
05/17/2006 11:43 AM

To: Bola Olu/EAC/GOV@EAC
cc
Subject: Re: WHOSE MEETING IS VFVI Working Group Meeting on
May 18th. BRIAN OR KAREN?

It is Peggy's meeting.

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Bola Olu/EAC/GOV

Bola Olu/EAC/GOV
05/17/2006 11:33 AM

To: Devon E. Romig/EAC/GOV@EAC
cc
Subject: WHOSE MEETING IS VFVI Working Group Meeting on
18th. BRIAN OR KAREN?

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Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV
05/05/2006 05:34 PM

To DScott@eac.gov
cc Karen Lynn-Dyson/EAC/GOV@EAC, dromig@eac.gov
bcc
Subject Working Group Travel

Diana:

The following members of the Working Group for our Voting Fraud/Voter Intimidation research project will need to make travel arrangements in order to attend an afternoon meeting of the group on May 18 in Washington, DC:

Mark "Thor" Hearne - St Louis, MO
J.R. Perez - Seguin, TX
The Honorable Todd Rokita - Indianapolis, IN
Kathy Rogers - Atlanta, GA

I may have one additional member from Albuquerque, NM confirmed early next week.

May these people use Adventure Travel to make these arrangements in the same manner as the Asian Language Working Group? I understand the members of that group made hotel and flight arrangements through Adventure Travel and that these costs were billed directly to EAC. We did plan for EAC to pay for the travel of the Voting Fraud/Voter Intimidation Working Group (budgeted under Research). Devon will prepare their travel authorizations.

Peggy Sims
Election Research Specialist

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"Job Serebrov"

08/23/2005 06:00 PM

To klynndyson@eac.gov

cc

bcc

Subject Re: Kick off activities for the EAC Voting fraud/voter intimidation project

Karen:

That entire week is good for me. However, I really need to know as far in advance as possible as I am deciding whether to fly or drive.

Regards,

Job

--- klynndyson@eac.gov wrote:

> Greetings-
>
> Tom Wilkey and I have just completed a series of
> very informative and
> productive conversations with each of you and are
> anxious to move to the
> next step of this process.
>
> We hope to assemble our consultant team on this
> project, within the next
> three weeks and are presently awaiting final
> approval of your contracts
> from our Commissioners. We anticipate this will
> take place in the next
> week to ten days.
>
> We would like to assemble the team- Steve
> Ansolabehere of MIT, Tova Wang
> from The New Century Foundation and Job Serebrov,
> who has worked
> extensively on these issues for the State of
> Arkansas, during the week of
> September 11. Please get back to us with some
> tentative dates during that
> week that might work with your schedule.
>
> We look forward to working with all of you and
> appreciate your efforts on
> behalf of the EAC.
>
> Regards-
>
> Karen Lynn-Dyson
> Research Manager
> U.S. Election Assistance Commission
> 1225 New York Avenue , NW Suite 1100
> Washington, DC 20005
> tel:202-566-3123
>

016146



"Job Serebrov"
[REDACTED]

08/22/2005 01:47 PM

To "Karen Lynn Dyson" <klynndyson@eac.gov>

cc

bcc

Subject Meeting in DC

Karen:

I wanted to toss in my vote for the week of our first working meeting. The week of Sept 12 works best for me as far as scheduling things. I don't image that right before or right after Labor Day will really be good for everyone as that is the final vacation time of the summer.

What are your thoughts? I have been writing down various ideas, problems, and possible solutions that I thought of regarding vote fraud potentially for discussion at this meeting. It would be good if the three of us who were hired had a short backgrounder on the other two.

Regards,

Job

016147



"Stephen Ansolabehere"
<sda@MIT.EDU>
08/23/2005 11:54 PM

To klyndyson@eac.gov
cc
bcc
Subject Re: fraud consultation

Hi Karen,

Here is the one page vita describing my relevant expertise for the fraud study, as well as a brief letter on my availability and consulting rates.

I will be away from Thursday through Monday, and will be in DC August 31 and September 1 and 2. I will swing by the EAC when I'm there. I look forward to meeting you in person.



Steve Ansolabehere EAC_fraud_consultation.doc SDA_VITA_onepage.doc

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I'm going to talk to Bert Benevides this morning about her possibly helping me work on some of these contracts on an ongoing basis.

Will keep you informed.

P.S. Are you going to bring me a present??? I'm about the only staff person here today. (sigh)

K
Karen Lynn-Dyson
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Thomas R. Wilkey/EAC/GOV

Thomas R. Wilkey/EAC/GOV
08/22/2005 06:42 PM

To Karen Lynn-Dyson/EAC/GOV@EAC
cc
Subject Re: Employment Contracts for RFP Consultants

What happened to Ms Gilley

Sent from my BlackBerry Wireless Handheld
Karen Lynn-Dyson

From: Karen Lynn-Dyson
Sent: 08/22/2005 04:44 PM
To: Thomas Wilkey
Cc: Diana Scott; Margaret Sims
Subject: Re: Employment Contracts for RFP Consultants

FYI-

Diana, Peg and Tom-

Given the backgrounds and levels of experience of these consultants, I anticipate offering each of them \$75 an hour or \$600 a day, plus expenses. These contracts would be for six weeks.

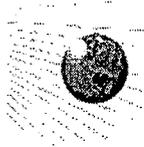
Please let me know your thoughts about this , as well.

K
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Tamar Nedzar/EAC/GOV

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Nicole
Mortellito/CONTRACTOR/EAC
/GOV

08/24/2005 05:27 PM

To Karen Lynn-Dyson/EAC/GOV@EAC

cc

bcc

Subject Fw: Statement of Work to be circulated to the voting
fraud/voter intimidation consultant candidates

History:

This message has been forwarded.

Regards,

Nicole K. Mortellito
Assistant to the Executive Director - Thomas R. Wilkey
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----- Forwarded by Nicole Mortellito/CONTRACTOR/EAC/GOV on 08/24/2005 05:26 PM -----

Karen Lynn-Dyson/EAC/GOV

08/17/2005 04:29 PM

To Nicole Mortellito/CONTRACTOR/EAC/GOV@EAC

cc Thomas R. Wilkey/EAC/GOV@EAC, Margaret
Sims/EAC/GOV@EAC, Diana Scott/EAC/GOV@EAC, Juliet
E. Thompson/EAC/GOV@EAC

Subject Statement of Work to be circulated to the voting fraud/voter
intimidation consultant candidates

Nicole-

Attached please find the Statement of Work which should be sent to each of the three candidates who are being considered for the consulting position:

Steve A.
Tova W.
Job S.

Please be certain they are sent separately and not collectively to all three and that it is sent by COB today.

Thanks so much for your help.

K



voterfraud project consultants.doc

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Thomas R. Wilkey/EAC/GOV
08/24/2005 09:31 AM

To Karen Lynn-Dyson/EAC/GOV@EAC
cc
bcc
Subject Re: Employment Contracts for RFP Consultants

Thanks and if you could add any information of work already approved to Donetta's packet I will review it with her.

Also please work with Nicole to get the packet out this afternoon.

We will be meeting Friday morning at 8 AM rather than 10 so that will be 10 your time. I should have a call in number for you later today.

Thanks again for all your hard work I know how much has been placed on your shoulders.

Tom

Sent from my BlackBerry Wireless Handheld
Karen Lynn-Dyson

From: Karen Lynn-Dyson
Sent: 08/23/2005 05:06 PM
To: Thomas Wilkey
Cc: Nicole Mortellito
Subject: Re: Employment Contracts for RFP Consultants

Hill!

Nicole and I will send you one of our infamous grids summarizing all this, first thing in the AM.

Briefly-

1. Need formal 4C's approval to tell Widmeyer go ahead on editing EDS piece and approve \$6000 in additional costs
2. Need 4C's to approve EDS\$36,000 expenditures to complete NVRA and UOCAVA reports
3. Absentee Ballot postage advertised and assigned to Gwenn Hofmann
4. VR database refresh- Carol Paquette knows
5. On-line learning forums- 4 C's will get SOW on Friday- assigned to Marta Casper
6. Effective Designs for Election Administration- sole sourced to Design for Democracy and assigned to Gwenn Hoffmann
7. Provisional Voting/Voter ID- Eagleton/Moritiz team to meet with EAC on Sept 6 at 1:30 PM
8. Improving Election Data Collection-4 C's will get SOW on Friday- Assigned to Marta Casper
9. Voting Fraud/Voter Intimidation- 3 consultants identified, kick-off meeting week of Sept 11
10. Vote Count/Vote Recount- reviewed and approved by Commissioners, assigned to Gaylin Vogel, Adam Ambroigi, Bert Benevides. To be advertised ASAP.
11. Poll worker recruitment, training and retention- 4C's to review Dan Murphy's SOW on Friday

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12. Roundtables for Voters- sole sourced to Council for Excellence in Government. Final proposal to be reviewed and approved by 4C's on Tuesday, Sept 6. Assigned to Marta Casper

13. Voter Hotline- 4C's to review SOW on Friday. Assigned to Richard Dickerson

14. Public Access Portals- 4C's to review SOW on Friday. Assigned to Richard Dickerson

15. Election Administration Law Web site- Julie Thompson knows. Bert Benevides can assist

16. Election (internet voting)- Carol Paquette knows. Bert Benevides can assist.

Hope this helps in the meantime.

(Marta Casper, Gwenn Hoffmann, Richard Dickerson and Bert Benavides are the consultants who will be assisting us between now and October 1) *** Their contracts have been prepared but need to be signed when you or the Chair returns)

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Thomas R. Wilkey/EAC/GOV

Thomas R. Wilkey/EAC/GOV
08/23/2005 02:38 PM

To Karen Lynn-Dyson/EAC/GOV@EAC
cc
Subject Re: Employment Contracts for RFP Consultants

Thanks any chance you could fax me a current quickie run down on where we are. What's done etc. Seems to be some confusion over what they have and what their getting . Yes I will bring you a present

Sent from my BlackBerry Wireless Handheld
Karen Lynn-Dyson

From: Karen Lynn-Dyson
Sent: 08/23/2005 09:52 AM
To: Thomas Wilkey
Subject: Re: Employment Contracts for RFP Consultants

Ms. Gilley isn't available and won't be until at least the first of next year.

She sent me the name of another individual who looks quite experienced, but in the world of international affairs and workforce development. He's a Brit.

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Nicole
Mortellito/CONTRACTOR/EAC
/GOV

08/31/2005 01:40 PM

To Nicole Mortellito/CONTRACTOR/EAC/GOV@EAC
cc jthompson@eac.gov, Karen Lynn-Dyson/EAC/GOV@EAC,
sda@mit.edu, "Job Serebrov" [REDACTED],
twilkey@eac.gov, wang@tcf.org

bcc

Subject Conference call for kick off activities for the EAC Voting
fraud/voter intimidation project

History: This message has been forwarded.

Barring any outright objection the conference call to Kick off activities for the EAC Voting Fraud/voter
intimidation project will take place from

2:30 and 3:00pm on Wednesday, September 7th.

Conference call dial in numbers are
202-708-9998 or 866-222-9044

Password is [REDACTED]

Regards,

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Nicole
Mortellito/CONTRACTOR/EAC
/GOV

08/31/2005 09:32 AM

To Karen Lynn-Dyson/EAC/GOV@EAC

cc

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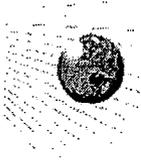
Subject called Tova

FYI i called Tova Wang and left her the timeslot information re: next weeks proposed times for voter fraud/intimidation conf. call.

Regards,

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Nicole
Mortellito/CONTRACTOR/EAC
/GOV

08/31/2005 09:28 AM

To Karen Lynn-Dyson/EAC/GOV@EAC

cc jthompson@eac.gov, Karen Lynn-Dyson/EAC/GOV@EAC,
sda@mit.edu, "Job Serebrov" [REDACTED],
twilkey@eac.gov, wang@tcf.org

bcc

Subject Scheduling Kick off activities for the EAC Voting fraud/voter
intimidation project

To all:

I have spoken with Tom Wilkey and he has proposed that we hold this conference call either:

4-4:30pm on Tuesday, Sept. 6th

or

2:30 and 3:00pm on Wednesday, September 7th

Please advise as to your preference. I would like to make this meeting a concrete entry into our calendar by COB today as next week's schedule is becoming very very full. Thank you.

Regards,

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"Job Serebrov"

08/30/2005 06:15 PM

To klynndyson@eac.gov

cc

bcc

Subject Re: Kick off activities for the EAC Voting fraud/voter intimidation project

History: This message has been forwarded.

Karen et al:

I would suggest that we talk early in the week. That way everything will be set for the meeting on the 12th (I assume this is still a go). My wife and I will be driving from Arkansas so we really need everything to work out before we have to leave on Saturday, August 10th.

Regards,

Job

--- klynndyson@eac.gov wrote:

> All-
>
> I'm in the midst of trying to get many end-of- year
> research contracts
> awarded so am inundated with various meetings and
> activities.
>
> I'm going to ask our Executive Director's Special
> Assistant, Nicole
> Mortellito, to work with each of you to find a time
> early next week when
> we can conduct this conference call.
>
> It would seem that folks are in various places
> around the country this
> week, so that a conference call this week is
> probably not very feasible.
>
> It is very important that we have at least a 30
> minute conversation next
> week, so that we can agree on a division of labor,
> duties and
> responsibilities among the three of you. Once this
> is done, I can
> complete the contracts (and fee schedules) for each
> of you.
>
> Thanks for your patience on this.
>
> Look to hear from Nicole in the next day or so.
>
> Regards-
>
>
>

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>
> Karen Lynn-Dyson
> Research Manager
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>

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"Job Serebrov"
[REDACTED]

08/30/2005 09:28 AM

To "Karen Lynn Dyson" <klynndyson@eac.gov>

cc

bcc

Subject Question

Dear Karen:

Can we start our meeting on the 12th around 10:00 am?
I have an early breakfast meeting that morning.

Regards,

Job

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"Stephen Ansolabehere"
<sda@MIT.EDU>
08/29/2005 03:24 PM

To klyndyson@eac.gov
cc
bcc
Subject Re: Kick off activities for the EAC Voting fraud/voter
intimidation project

August 31 and September 1 I will be in DC. Both days at 1 are good. The 31st is somewhat better.

Steve

At 03:32 PM 8/26/2005, you wrote:

All-

Although Tom Wilkey and I are still working to process each of your contracts on this project, we would like to tentatively schedule an in-person meeting on September 12, here in Washington

In the meantime, I'd like to propose that we all have a short teleconference call next Wednesday or Thursday at 1:00 PM to begin to talk through the scope of this project and the respective roles and responsibilities each of you might take on

Could you let me know your availability for a 45 minute call on August 31 or September 1 at 1:00?

Thanks

Karen Lynn-Dyson
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016159



"Stephen Ansolabehere"
<sda@MIT.EDU>
08/29/2005 03:21 PM

To klyndyson@eac.gov
cc
bcc
Subject Re: Kick off activities for the EAC Voting fraud/voter
intimidation project

Hi Karen,

I'm just back from Vermont.

I cannot make it to DC on a Monday or Wednesday between now and December 11th because of teaching responsibilities. If possible, I would join a via phone if the meeting is after 11 (when my Monday class ends).

Steve

At 03:32 PM 8/26/2005, you wrote:

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Calendar Entry

Meeting Invitation Nicole Mortellito has invited you to a meeting

Subject	Kick off activities for the EAC Voting fraud/voter intimidation project		Chair	Nicole Mortellito/CONTRACTOR/EAC/GOV
When	Date	Tuesday 09/06/2005	Invitees	Juliet E. Thompson/EAC/GOV@EAC, Karen
	Time	04:00 PM - 04:45 PM (0 hours 45 minutes)		
Where	small conference room		Required (to)	
			Optional (cc)	

Meeting with Tova Wang; Job Serebrov and Steve Ansolabehere

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Nicole
Mortellito/CONTRACTOR/EAC
/GOV
09/01/2005 01:48 PM

To Nicole Mortellito/CONTRACTOR/EAC/GOV@EAC
cc jthompson@eac.gov, Karen Lynn-Dyson/EAC/GOV@EAC,
sda@mit.edu, "Job Serebrov" [REDACTED],
twilkey@eac.gov, wang@tcf.org

bcc

Subject Re: Scheduling Kick off activities for the EAC Voting
fraud/voter intimidation project 

Nicole Mortellito/CONTRACTOR/EAC/GOV

Please note that it is necessary to move this meeting to 4-4:30pm on Tuesday, Sept. 6th

The previously scheduled time slot of 2:30 and 3:00pm on Wednesday, September 7th is not workable for Steve who will be in class.

Please acknowledge that you have received this time change. Thank you.

Regards,

Nicole K. Mortellito
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"Job Serebrov"
[REDACTED]

09/02/2005 11:29 AM

To "Karen Lynn Dyson" <klynndyson@eac.gov>

cc

bcc

Subject: Duties

Karen:

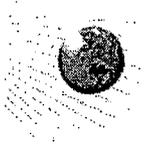
With Tuesday's telephone conference fast approaching and Monday being a holiday, I believe that we have a potential problem unless you can get a tentative discussion topic list out by this afternoon so we have time to make suggestions about it. Without this, our conversation will not be very effective. While I realize that you need to finish the contracts and I wanted to reserve the division of labor conversation for our first meeting, we need guidance for Tuesday.

What do you think?

Regards,

Job

016163



Nicole
Mortellito/CONTRACTOR/EAC
/GOV
09/06/2005 09:08 AM

To Nicole Mortellito/CONTRACTOR/EAC/GOV@EAC
cc jthompson@eac.gov, Karen Lynn-Dyson/EAC/GOV@EAC,
sda@mit.edu, "Job Serebrov" [REDACTED]
twilkey@eac.gov, wang@tcf.org
bcc
Subject EAC Voting fraud/voter intimidation project - Kickoff
Conference c [REDACTED]

As a reminder the conference call scheduled for 4pm today will require you use the following Dial In information.

Conference call dial in numbers are
202-708-9998 or 866-222-9044

Password is - [REDACTED]

Regards,

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"Job Serebrov"
[REDACTED]

09/06/2005 05:37 PM

To klynndyson@eac.gov

cc

bcc

Subject Information

History:  This message has been forwarded.

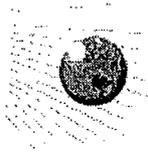
Karen:

In response to Commissioner Davidson's question on present methods of vote fraud, please tell her that in any state (like Arkansas) that uses an optical scan system there are paper ballots from which the scan is made. These paper ballots must still be delivered from the voting area to the counting room and are subject to fraud in the transport.

Job

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Nicole
Mortellito/CONTRACTOR/EAC
/GOV

09/06/2005 05:53 PM

To Karen Lynn-Dyson/EAC/GOV@EAC

cc

bcc

Subject Fw: EAC

As I was not in this meeting...I'm punting this request to you. Ha ha ha!!!!

----- Forwarded by Nicole Mortellito/CONTRACTOR/EAC/GOV on 09/06/2005 05:52 PM -----



"Tova Wang"
<wang@tcf.org>

09/06/2005 05:45 PM

To nmortellito@eac.gov

cc sda@mit.edu [REDACTED]

Subject RE: EAC

Hi again Nicole,

Thanks so much for setting up the call today. If possible, could you please send us some kind of sample work plan/division of labor/timeline as we discussed today? Thanks so much.

Tova

-----Original Message-----

From: Tova Wang

Sent: Tuesday, September 06, 2005 4:10 PM

To: sda@mit.edu; [REDACTED]

Subject: EAC

Hi Steve and Job,

Steve, below is the bulk of our exchange of emails from the weekend.

With respect to setting up a time to talk in the next day or two, let me throw out two possibilities and see if they work for you: tomorrow, Wednesday at 4 or Thursday at 10:30. Do either of you have conference call capability? Let me know. If necessary, I can do it. And if you have any thoughts in between feel free to email. Thanks.

Tova

-----Original Message-----

From: wang@tcf.org [mailto:wang@tcf.org]

Sent: Sunday, September 04, 2005 9:09 AM

To: Job Serebrov

Subject: Re: Topics

Hi Job,

These are all good ideas and I would just sort of add to and expand upon them.

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First, at the outset, I think we need to be clear about how we are defining fraud. I actually was pleased that the project was called fraud and intimidation because I believe that acts of intimidation -- as well as deceptive practices, eg willfully and knowingly providing false information to voters about the voting process -- are also election fraud. Illegally keeping certain voters from voting has the same distorting impact on election outcomes as ineligible voters casting ballots or some form of modern ballot box stuffing.

Second, we need to research and to the extent possible quantify (here is where Steve may be helpful) what kinds of fraud are -- and are not -- really being committed before we assess the legal system's handling of such cases or make recommendations for how the states and the justice system can better address the problem. In other words we need to break down specifically how much fraud is actually taking place by type of activity, such as:

- absentee/mail ballot fraud
- ex-felons knowingly casting illegal ballots
- voting more than once
- noncitizen voting
- false registration
- intimidating practices (perhaps including legal grey areas like inappropriate challenges at the polls)
- deceptive practices
- fraud by election administrators in the handling or counting of ballots
- machine tampering

This is obviously a tall order, but to me it is only then that we will be in a position to evaluate whether states are treating and remedying the fraud issue appropriately and effectively. We could then, perhaps simultaneously or subsequently, undertake your excellent idea of analyzing the performance of all 50 states and their legal systems in this regard. In addition to nexis or westlaw searches, I suggest it might also be necessary to interview attorneys general, prosecutors, and attorneys to get the information we will require. My concern is that not every case will show up in these databases.

I also strongly recommend we also analyze how the federal system, ie the Department of Justice, both the criminal and civil rights divisions, is handling these issues. It is unclear to me that DOJ is effectively pursuing fraud cases as I defined the term above.

With respect to the working group, I don't know what Karen and Tom have in mind, but I would just add that I think we should have at least one academic, a couple of members of third party organizations, and at a couple of local election officials.

That's all I can think of for now. Let me know what you think. Hope you are enjoying the weekend.

Tova

----- Original Message -----
From: "Job Serebrov" [REDACTED]

016167

To: <wang@tcf.org>
Sent: Friday, September 02, 2005 10:18 PM
Subject: Re: Topics

> Tova:

>

> I just got in from dinner. Glad you could get back
> with me. You are correct---the scope of this project
> is unclear. I indicated to Karen that our first face
> to face meeting should be to discuss how this all will
> be accomplished. She agreed but needs a division of
> labor so she can finalize our contracts. It is my understanding that
> Steve will be doing very little because of his class schedule.

>

> Let me briefly outline what I know the EAC wants:

>

> 1. Background research on vote fraud and voter
> intimidation. In my interview, I suggested that a law
> clerk be employed to perform Lexis or Westlaw case
> research in all fifty states on these issues based on
> a list of word searches that the three (or two) of us
> come up with. We would analyze the cases and come up
> with a chart of how each state treats the issue. Karen
> and Tom liked the idea. We would need to address
> differences in state election statutes and differences
> in how the state supreme courts remedy problems.

>

> 2. Identifying and convening a working group. Karen
> and Tom have definite ideas of who should be in this
> group. From my experience I believe it should also
> include general counsels in the election division of
> a number of secretary of states offices or from state
> board of election commissioners offices; state
> legislators who deal with electoral issues from both politically
> divided states and from the minority party in states with a dominant
> party and judges (retired or
> sitting) who have experience with election cases.
> Here I think we need to take testimony from these
> folks and from others in the field and include it in
> the final report.

>

> 3. From 1 and 2 we need to better define the problem.
> The EAC wants a project scope and project work plan. I
> don't know exactly what is meant here.

>

> 4. A summary report describing key findings. This is
> our chance to propose some solutions.

>

> The EAC wants this to be a preliminary work. At first,
> they did not understand that fact finding would take
> more than just preliminary studies. I told them at my interview that
> asking lawyers to do half a job is like being a little pregnant. Karen
> agreed. I think they envision a second project where we would draft an
> rfp for a major organization. I know that the EAC will
> decide whether they want to move ahead after reviewing
> our findings. They already know the issue of vote
> fraud is a political hot potato. Historically, people
> do not want to admit vote fraud occurs until they
> become victims.

>

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> I have been involved in vote fraud prevention in the
> southern US for fifteen years and I know there are no
> easy answers. Enough from me. I hope that I answered
> some of your questions. Please give me your thoughts.
>
> Regards,
>
> Job
>
> PS Some background-I was born in Newark, NJ and lived
> a little less than half my life in Newark,
> Millburn-Short Hills and New York City. My 87 year old
> uncle from Poland still lives in the City.
>
>
>
> --- wang@tcf.org wrote:
>
>> Hi Job,
>>
>> Thats a good idea, especially given Karen's most
>> recent email. The only
>> problem I have is that the scope of the project is a
>> little unclear to me
>> still. I can come up with lots of topics I'd like to
>> look at, but don't
>> really have a sense of what is feasible in this
>> first stage. I also am
>> unsure whether they would like us to work together
>> or actually split up
>> duties. Do you have a better understanding of this?
>>
>> I did not know Patricia Young, but I really only
>> worked for Jackson during
>> that one election cycle. I'd love to know more about
>> your work at some point
>> too. And I likewise look forward to meeting you
>> soon!
>>
>>
>> Tova
>> ----- Original Message -----
>> From: "Job Serebrov" <[REDACTED]>
>> To: <wang@tcf.org>
>> Sent: Friday, September 02, 2005 2:06 PM
>> Subject: Topics
>>
>>
>> > Dear Tova:
>> >
>> > Since we will be doing the lion's share of work on
>> the
>> > vote fraud project and in the interest of
>> efficiency,
>> > I think it would be a good idea if we could create
>> a
>> > topic list for the work division discussion on
>> > Tuesday.
>> >
>> > What do you think? I am looking forward to meeting
>> you

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>> > in the later part of September. Did you know
>> Patricia
>> > Young who worked for Jesse Jackson some time ago?
>> We
>> > were friends while I was getting my LLM and she
>> was
>> > getting her JD at University of Arkansas School of
>> > Law.
>> >
>> > Regards,
>> >
>> > Job Serebrov
>> >
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>

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"Stephen Ansolabehere"
<sda@MIT.EDU>
09/06/2005 08:45 PM

To twilkey@eac.gov, klynndyson@eac.gov, sda@mit.edu,
wang@tcf.org, jthompson@eac.gov
cc
bcc
Subject

Hi all,

Sorry to have to have bolted from our phone meeting at 5 today. My wife sang the national anthem at Fenway Park this evening, and I had to take her to the stadium.

Steve

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K
Karen Lynn-Dyson
Research Manager
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Washington, DC 20005



tel:202-566-3123 tw plan 0907.doc

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"Tova Wang" <wang@tcf.org>

09/07/2005 05:14 PM

To klynndyson@eac.gov, twilkey@eac.gov

cc jthompson@eac.gov, nmortellito@eac.gov, sda@mit.edu,
"Job Serebrov" [REDACTED], wang@tcf.org

bcc

Subject work plan

History: This message has been forwarded.

Hi Karen and Tom,

As we discussed yesterday, attached is a preliminary work plan/division of labor for your review. Please let us know if this is sufficient for the present and if you have any comments or questions.

In terms of hours dedicated to the project, Job and Tova are able to commit to 15-20 hours per week assuming that includes reimbursed periodic travel. Steve can do approximately 2 hours per week. We have tentatively scheduled to meet at your offices in DC, if that is convenient for you, on September 20. We will be able to confirm that within the next day or so.

All of us are very eager to get started on this important work as soon as possible. However, because we also have other work related responsibilities, we are a bit reluctant to do so before having an opportunity to review our contracts. We look forward to receiving them so we can get going right away.

Thanks so much. Speak to you soon.

Tova, Job and Steve

-----Original Message-----

From: klynndyson@eac.gov [mailto:klynndyson@eac.gov]

Sent: Friday, September 02, 2005 3:19 PM

To: klynndyson@eac.gov; nmortellito@eac.gov

Cc: jthompson@eac.gov; nmortellito@eac.gov; sda@mit.edu; Job Serebrov; twilkey@eac.gov; wang@tcf.org

Subject: Re: Kick off activities for the EAC Voting fraud/voter intimidation project

All-

In anticipation of our 45-minute conference call scheduled for Tuesday, September 6 at 4:00 PM, I would ask the three consultants (Steve, Job and Tova) to come prepared to talk about the following:

The major topics and issues which you see as needing immediate attention, definition, delineation, etc.

Rough timelines and timeframes for addressing these major issues and topics

Your major roles and responsibilities and the timelines you envision for meeting your major deliverables

We all realize that this conversation is just a start; I look forward to this beginning and to framing the tasks that lie ahead of us between now and September 30.

Have a wonderful holiday!!

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Nicole
Mortellito/CONTRACTOR/EAC
/GOV
09/09/2005 02:40 PM

To "Tova Wang" <wang@tcf.org>@GSAEXTERNAL, "Stephen
Ansolabehere" <sda@MIT.EDU>@GSAEXTERNAL, "Job
Serebrov" [REDACTED]
cc Thomas R. Wilkey/EAC/GOV@EAC, Karen
Lynn-Dyson/EAC/GOV@EAC
bcc
Subject Conference call request [icon]

Tova, Job and Steve,

Tom and Karen would like to schedule a conference call with the three of you on Monday, September 12 at 9:30 a.m. for about 20 minutes to discuss the following:

- Finalize contracts
- Finalize consulting hours
- Define Individual roles and responsibilities
- Begin review of Working Group members

Please let me know by COB today if you can do this. Feel free to call if you don't have time to e-mail.
Many thanks.

Regards,

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202.566.3114 phone
202.566.3127 fax

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klynndyson@eac.gov

To

cc

Subject

consulting

Hi Karen,

I haven't heard back from you about consulting fees and contracts for the fraud project.

Things seem to be moving ahead. Does that mean that the EAC has approved hiring me at my consulting rate of \$250/hour, \$2500/day?

Steve

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"Stephen Ansolabehere"
<sda@MIT.EDU>
09/09/2005 03:23 PM

To klynndyson@eac.gov
cc
bcc

Subject Re: consulting

History: This message has been forwarded.

Karen,

The national anthem was great. She described it as "an out of body experience."

I won't be able to make the conference call. I teach M and W 9 to 11 and W 1 to 4. I'll catch up with you after the call.

Thanks,

Steve

At 03:04 PM 9/9/2005, you wrote:

Steve-

Excuse my delay in responding I've had several personal emergencies this week- they come in threes so I'm awaiting the third (smile)
Am working on your fee this afternoon I don't think the EAC can offer a fee a nearly the rate you quote but I will have a firm figure to you in time for our conference call on Monday morning at 9:30.

Also, how was your wife's singing!!! What an honor! One day I'll have to bore you with my Fenway Park stories

Regards-

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tel:202-566-3123

"Stephen Ansolabehere" <sda@MIT.EDU>

09/08/2005 04:48 PM

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"Job Serebrov"
[REDACTED]

09/09/2005 03:48 PM

To nmortellito@eac.gov, wang@tcf.org, sda@MIT.EDU

cc twilkey@eac.gov, klynndyson@eac.gov

bcc

Subject Re: Conference call request

Nicole:

9:30 is bad for me. It would have to be after 9:45.

Tova and Steve--I just talked with Karen and she does not see a reason why our first meeting has to be in DC. As long as the travel payment is worked out, how do you two feel about coming to Little Rock? Tova, I know you were looking for a reason to come here. I think I could arrange for a meeting room for us, perhaps in the Clinton School of Public Service.

The Monday telephone meeting is essential to contract completion.

Regards,

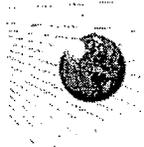
Job

--- nmortellito@eac.gov wrote:

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> Feel free to call if
> you don't have time to e-mail. Many thanks.
>
>
> Regards,
>
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Nicole
Mortellito/CONTRACTOR/EAC
/GOV

09/09/2005 04:39 PM

To Karen Lynn-Dyson/EAC/GOV@EAC

cc

bcc

Subject Fw: updated Conference call request

----- Forwarded by Nicole Mortellito/CONTRACTOR/EAC/GOV on 09/09/2005 04:39 PM -----



"Job Serebrov"
[REDACTED]

09/09/2005 04:38 PM

To nmortellito@eac.gov

cc

Subject Re: updated Conference call request

Nicole:

Tom and Karen have my resume. I don't know if Diana has it but it would be easier for me if Tom or Karen could make a copy for Diana. This is because I sent Karen, who made Tom a copy of both my resume and a separate document called Election Activities. Can you look into this?

The number of hours we will work on this depends on the funds available for a potential law clerk and most of all travel. Both Tova and I agreed that we will have to interview others, not to mention travel for a potential working group. Tova and I envisioned working 15-20 hours per week with Steve working 2 hours per week. The reason we gave for 15 instead of 20 is to leave room for a law clerk and travel in the budget.

I don't know if you will have much success staying within the budget Karen is talking about (\$60,000-\$75,000) with hourly consulting rates either. For instance, before serving as a federal judicial law clerk my consulting fees were \$175 per hour and now I would charge \$200. If you figure that at 20 hours for 4 months you get \$64,000 or \$48,000 at 15 hours for 4 months. While I do believe that \$75,000 may be too low for this project, hourly rates may never get you where you want to go.

What do you think?

Job

--- nmortellito@eac.gov wrote:

> To all:

>

> Karen asked me to type this, she is operating with

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> one hand right now:
>
> Please, each of you, send to Karen
> (klynndyson@eac.gov), Tom Wilkey
> (twilkey@eac.gov) and Diana Scott (dscott@eac.gov):
> your resume
> your consulting fees or rates
> the number of hours per week you anticipate working
> on this project
>
> The EAC staff will finalize your contracts on Monday
> and need this
> information to complete the process.
>
> Regarding a conference call: Please advise as to
> whether 1pm on Tuesday or
> 9:30 am on Tuesday September 13 are feasible. Thank
> you.
>
> Regards,
>
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"Tova Wang" <wang@tcf.org>

09/09/2005 04:45 PM

To nmortellito@eac.gov, twilkey@eac.gov, dscott@eac.gov,
klynndyson@eac.gov

cc

bcc

Subject RE: updated Conference call request

Karen, what happened to you???

In any case, my resume and bio are attached. I do not have a set rate, but my understanding is that project will be \$500 per 8 hour day. I anticipate working an average of 15 - 20 hours per week.

Either of those times on Tuesday work for me. FYI, Steve is unable to do a meeting on the 20th, and since he teaches Tuesday and Thursday, I'm not sure he'll be around for a call Tuesday.

Let me know if you need anything else. Have a great weekend.

Tova

-----Original Message-----

From: nmortellito@eac.gov [mailto:nmortellito@eac.gov]

Sent: Friday, September 09, 2005 3:20 PM

To: nmortellito@eac.gov

Cc: klynndyson@eac.gov; Stephen Ansolabehere; 'Job Serebrov'; twilkey@eac.gov; Tova Wang

Subject: updated Conference call request

To all:

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The EAC staff will finalize your contracts on Monday and need this information to complete the process.

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"Tova Wang" <wang@tcf.org>

09/12/2005 09:35 AM

To: klyndyson@eac.gov, [REDACTED]
cc: twilkey@eac.gov, nmortellito@eac.gov
bcc:

Subject: RE: EAC Fraud Study

Hi everyone,

This is disappointing because Steve is so qualified and respected. For what its worth, I would strongly support his suggestion of Mike Alvarez. I have actually spoken to Mike about doing a similar study in the past, and he already has ideas about some possible methodologies. Also, he knows everyone in the academic community and is similarly widely respected in the field. His being in LA is an obstacle, but I think not an insurmountable one by any means.

Let us know if we will be speaking tomorrow.

Thanks.

Tova

-----Original Message-----

From: Stephen Ansolabehere [mailto:sda@MIT.EDU]
Sent: Saturday, September 10, 2005 4:58 PM
To: klyndyson@eac.gov; wang@tcf.org; [REDACTED]
Cc: twilkey@eac.gov
Subject: EAC Fraud Study

Karen, Tova, and Job,

I'm going to have to withdraw from the Fraud study. I found out this past week that one of my colleagues is very ill and I have agreed with my department head to take over some of his teaching and administrative responsibilities. This will effectively squeeze out any of my remaining free time over the remainder of the Fall semester.

I am disappointed to not be able to continue, but I feel that this is a time when I need to pitch in a little extra at home.

Let me recommend several alternative academic voices whom you might bring in.

Michael Alvarez at Caltech (my counterpart on the Caltech/MIT project) Thad Hall at University of Utah (he was one of the administrative/research assistants on the Ford-Carter commission and has been very active on this subject)

Richard Niemi at Rochester University

Paul Herrnson at Maryland

James Gimpel at Maryland

David Leal at American University

Jonathan Katz at Caltech

Steve Ansolabehere

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"Job Serebrov"

07/01/2005 11:20 AM

To klynndyson@eac.gov

cc

bcc

Subject Re: project

Thanks Karen. Looking forward to hearing from you.

Regards,

Job

klynndyson@eac.gov wrote:

Job-

Thanks ever so much for following up. Indeed, the Commissioners have reviewed the issue and have agreed in principle, to an approach that would entail hiring a consultant or consultants to help the EAC study and frame the issues of voter fraud and intimidation.

The idea would be that after a period of time, the consultants, and, perhaps, a working group of the EAC, would make a series of recommendations on next steps for the agency to take regarding voter fraud and intimidation.

Thanks for your patience; I hope to have a definitive answer for you by mid-July at the latest.

Regards-

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"Job Serebrov"

06/30/2005 05:27 PM

To klynndyson@eac.gov

cc

bcc

Subject project

History:

← This message has been replied to.

Karen:

Has there been any further discussion of the vote fraud project?

Regards,

Job

016184

Raymundo
Martinez/EAC/GOV
06/23/2005 09:03 AM

To Karen Lynn-Dyson/EAC/GOV@EAC
cc
bcc
Subject Re: Voter Fraud 

Adam did give it to me before he left...can we sit down this afternoon to discuss? Anytime after 3PM works for me.

Thanks.

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"Job Serebrov"
[Redacted]
07/13/2005 09:57 AM

To klynndyson@eac.gov
cc
bcc
Subject project

History: This message has been replied to.

Karen:

Are we still on track to have something on paper for the vote fraud project by this Friday?

Regards,

Job

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Raymundo
Martinez/EAC/GOV
07/12/2005 05:24 PM

To Thomas R. Wilkey/EAC/GOV@EAC, Karen
Lynn-Dyson/EAC/GOV@EAC
cc
bcc

Subject Fw: Follow-up

History: This message has been replied to.

Tom/Karen:

Here is an email from Dan Lowenstein (presenter in LaJolla and co-editor of Election Law Journal) who made some suggestions on names for the voter fraud work we are trying to do. Perhaps a call to Bruce Cain at Berkeley would be appropriate.

Karen, what do you think?

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----- Forwarded by Raymundo Martinez/EAC/GOV on 07/12/2005 05:19 PM -----



"Lowenstein, Daniel"
<lowenstein@law.ucla.edu>
06/21/2005 03:28 PM

To "Rick Hasen" <Rick.Hasen@lls.edu>, rmartinez@eac.gov
cc "Lowenstein, Daniel" <lowenstein@law.ucla.edu>
Subject RE: Follow-up

Ray,

Before I read Rick's message, Steve Ansolabehere was the first name that came to my mind. This assumes you are looking for part-time, not full-time consultants. I would categorize Steve as very moderate left. I am not certain he is Democrat but would be very surprised to learn he is not. But the main thing about him is that he calls things as he sees them. So if you found a Republican with the same characteristics, that would be ideal. Charles Bullock of the University of Georgia would be a possibility. (Actually, I'm not sure of his party either, but I think he may be a Republican.)

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I would also suggest you talk to Bruce Cain in the Institute of Governmental Studies at Berkeley. He is very savvy and knows more political scientists than Rick and I do. When I have questions about the political science profession, he's usually the person I go to. His phone number is 510-642-1739. He is also going to be running a UC office in Washington, so he will be more or less living there for the indefinite future. He is someone you ought to get to know.

Best,

Daniel Lowenstein
UCLA Law School
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Los Angeles, California 90095-1476
310-825-5148

-----Original Message-----

From: Rick Hasen [mailto:Rick.Hasen@lls.edu]
Sent: Tuesday, June 21, 2005 11:56 AM
To: rmartinez@eac.gov
Cc: Lowenstein, Daniel
Subject: Re: Follow-up

We are now editing articles for our next issue, which is due out in October. We need to get everything to the printer for this issue in mid-July. So we'd need something from you by early July if it were to make it into that issue. Our deadlines after that are about three months later for each issue.

As far as researchers, I give my highest recommendation to Steve Ansolabehere of MIT, who has already done a bit of research on this issue. He is truly one of the top political scientists in the country working in this field, and he is careful and very fair (I don't know whether I'd count him as "left" or "right").

Dan may have other ideas.

Rick

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rmartinez@eac.gov wrote:

Rick / Dan:

Thanks for the follow-up. As I mentioned to Dan in La Jolla, I do want to commit to doing a paper for ELJ. Aside from my own interest in election law and election administration, I think it is important for your readers to gain a better understanding of the role of the EAC and all that we are

doing, particularly in the area of voting system standards and certification. Please tell me what the new deadline is and I will make sure to get you an outline of my intended submission, and of course, a timely draft for your consideration. Thanks again to both of you for the continued opportunity.

On a related note, in Section 241 of HAVA, Congress gives the EAC a laundry list of possible research topics related to improving the process of election administration. Among the suggested topics are the following:

"(6) Nationwide statistics and methods of identifying, deterring, and investigating voting fraud in elections for Federal office;

(7) Identifying, deterring, and investigating methods of voter intimidation."

In order to get this research project started, the EAC would like to engage two research consultants who could bring some level of knowledge and expertise to the table and help the commissioners to come to an agreement on the framework and/or scope of such a research project. Rather than sending something out on the listserve, I thought I would directly solicit your opinions about any names in the academic field that you think we ought to consider. The reason we are looking to employ two consultants is because we would like to achieve a political balance -- one from the left, and one from the right, so to speak. Any thoughts you have on this would be greatly appreciated.

Regards,

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