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CONSOLIDATED REPORT
On HAVA TITLE I, SECTION 101 FUNDS

For The Period
JANUARY 1 Through DECEMBER 31, 2004

Prepared by the Rhode Island:

Office of the Secretary of State
Board of Elections

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I. Standard Form 269

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FINANCIAL STATUS REPORT
(Short Form)
(Follow instructions on the back)

1. Federal Agency and Organizational Element to Which Report is Submitted	2. Federal Grant or Other Identifying Number Assigned By Federal Agency	OMB Approval No.	Page	of
Election Assistance commission	HAVA Title I	0348-0039	1	1 pages

3. Recipient Organization (Name and complete address, including ZIP code)
State of Rhode Island and Providence Plantations
Office of the Secretary of State
217 State House
Providence, Rhode Island 02903

4. Employer Identification Number	5. Recipient Account Number or Identifying Number	6. Final Report	7. Basis
05 6000522	RI HAVA Election Fund	☐ Yes ☒ No	☒ Cash ☐ Accrual

8. Funding/Grant Period (See Instructions) From: (Month, Day, Year)	To: (Month, Day, Year)	9. Period Covered by this Report From: (Month, Day, Year)	To: (Month, Day, Year)
04-30-2003	OPEN	01-01-2004	12-31-2004

10. Transactions	I Previously Reported	II This Period	III Cumulative
a. Total outlays	35,413.17	2,021,804.77	2,057,217.94
b. Recipient share of outlays	0	0	0
c. Federal share of outlays	35,413.17	2,021,804.77	2,057,217.94
d. Total unliquidated obligations			0
e. Recipient share of unliquidated obligations			
f. Federal share of unliquidated obligations			0
g. Total Federal share (Sum of lines c and f)			2,057,217.94
h. Total Federal funds authorized for this funding period			5,000,000.00
i. Unobligated balance of Federal funds (Line h minus line g)			2,942,782.06

11. Indirect Expense	a. Type of Rate (Place "X" in appropriate box) ☐ Provisional ☐ Predetermined ☐ Final ☐ Fixed			
	b. Rate	c. Base	d. Total Amount	e. Federal Share

12. Remarks: Attach any explanations deemed necessary or information required by Federal sponsoring agency in compliance with governing legislation.

13. Certification: **I certify to the best of my knowledge and belief that this report is correct and complete and that all outlays and unliquidated obligations are for the purposes set forth in the award documents.**

Typed or Printed Name and Title	Telephone (Area code, number and extension)
Marianne J. Beirne, Director of Personnel & Finance	401-222-2299
Signature of Authorized Certifying Official	**Date Report Submitted**
Marianne J. Beirne	02-28-2005

Standard Form 269A (REV 4-88)
Prescribed by OMB Circulars A-102 and A-110

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II. Expenditures

A. Complying with the requirements under Title III (uniform and nondiscriminatory election technology and administration requirements).

Secretary of State	$ 0.00
Board of Elections	$ 0.00
Total	$ 0.00

B. Improving the administration of elections for Federal office.

Secretary of State	$ 0.00
Board of Elections	$12,665.03
Total	$12,665.03

C. Educating voters concerning voting procedures, voting rights, and voting technology.

Secretary of State	$26,933.31
Board of Elections	$ 3,365.10
Total	$30,298.41

D. Training election officials, poll workers, and election volunteers.

Secretary of State	$ 875.00
Board of Elections	$20,611.50
Total	$21,486.50

E. Developing the State plan for requirements payments to be submitted under part 1 of subtitle D of title II.

Secretary of State	$ 0.00
Board of Elections	$ 0.00
Total	$ 0.00

F. Improving, acquiring, leasing, modifying, or replacing voting systems and technology and methods for casting and counting votes.

Secretary of State	$ 450,435.00
Board of Elections	$1,506,681.46
Total	$1,957,116.46

G. Improving the accessibility and quantity of polling places, including providing physical access for individuals with disabilities, providing non-visual access for individuals with visual impairments, and providing assistance to Native Americans, Alaska Native citizens, and to individuals with limited proficiency in the English language.

Secretary of State	$ 0.00
Board of Elections	$ 0.00
Total	$ 0.00

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H. *Establishing toll-free telephone hotlines that voters may use to report possible voting fraud and voting rights violations, to obtain general election information, and to access detailed automated information on their own voter registration status, specific polling place locations, and other relevant information.*

Secretary of State	$	238.37
Board of Elections	$	0.00
Total	$	238.37

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Title I, Section 101 PERMISSIBLE USES					Secretary of State
A	Complying with the requirements under Title III (uniform and nondiscriminatory				
	election technology and administration requirements).				
	$ -				
B	Improving the administration of election for Federal office.				
	$ -				
C	Educating voters concerning voting procedures, rights and technology.				
	$ 4,563.56	RI VOTE	printing		
	$ 22,369.75	RI VOTE	advertising		
	$ 26,933.31				
D	Training election officials, poll workers, and election volunteers.				
	$ 650.00	NASS	election official training		
	$ 225.00	JEOLC	election official training		
	$ 875.00				
E	Developing the State Plan for requirements payments to be submitted under				
	part 1 of subtitle D of title II.				
	$ -				
F	Improving, acquiring, leasing, modifying, or replacing voting systems and				
	technology and methods for casting and counting votes.				
	$ 450,435.00	Optech Eagle voting equipment lease.			
G	Improving the accessibility and quantity of polling places, including providing				
	physical access for individuals with disabilities, providing non visual				
	access for individuals with visual impairments, and providing assistance to				
	Native Americans, Alaska Native citizens and to individuals with limited				
	proficiency in the English language.				
	$ -				
H	Establishing toll-free telephone hotlines that voters may use to report possible				
	voting fraud and voting rights violations, to obtain general information on their				
	own voter registration status, specific polling place locations, and other relevant				
	information.				
	$ 238.37	1-877-GO2-VOTE			

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Title I, Section 101 PERMISSIBLE USES					Board of Elections
A	Complying with the requirements under Title III (uniform and nondiscriminatory				
	election technology and administration requirements).				
	$ -				
B	Improving the administration of election for Federal office.				
	$ 12,665.03				
C	Educating voters concerning voting procedures, rights and technology.				
	$ 2,903.64		printing		
	$ 461.46		advertising		
	$ 3,365.10				
D	Training election officials, poll workers, and election volunteers.				
	$ 6,026.78		election official training		
	$ 855.82		training equipment		
	$ 3,028.90		independent tabulation		
	$ 10,700.00		pollworkers manual/guide		
	$ 20,611.50				
E	Developing the State Plan for requirements payments to be submitted under				
	part 1 of subtitle D of title II.				
	$ -				
F	Improving, acquiring, leasing, modifying, or replacing voting systems and				
	technology and methods for casting and counting votes.				
	$ 1,335,521.00	Optech Eagle voting equipment lease.			
	$ 38,050.00	purchase of additional Optech voting equipment			
	$ 14,761.05	hardware and software			
	$ 100,565.41	Transfer ballot containers			
	$ 17,784.00	ballot bags			
	$ 1,506,681.46				
G	Improving the accessibility and quantity of polling places, including providing				
	physical access for individuals with disabilities, providing non visual				
	access for individuals with visual impairments, and providing assistance to				
	Native Americans, Alaska Native citizens and to individuals with limited				
	proficiency in the English language.				
	$ -				
H	Establishing toll-free telephone hotlines that voters may use to report possible				
	voting fraud and voting rights violations, to obtain general information on their				
	own voter registration status, specific polling place locations, and other relevant				
	information.				
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III. Voting Equipment

The Board of Elections purchased ten (10) Optech Eagle (optical scan voting machines) needed for the November 2004 general election due to legislation enacted in 2004 adding additional polling places.

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IV. Analysis and Description

ACTIVITIES FUNDED BY THE OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY OF STATE TO MEET HAVA REQUIREMENTS AND HOW SUCH ACTIVITIES CONFORM TO THE SUBMITTED STATE PLAN

In 2004 the Office of the Secretary of State spent Title I monies on activities (1) to educate voters concerning voting procedures and voting rights; (2) to train election officials; (3) to make lease payment for voting equipment; and (4) to establish a toll-free telephone hotline for voters to obtain general election information, specific polling place locations and other relevant information.

1. EDUCATING VOTERS

Under Section 3 of the Rhode Island State Plan, the Office of the Secretary of State committed to improving its public outreach and education program in order to:

1) Assure that voters are informed of their rights and receive proper and timely instructions on how to vote in accordance with HAVA requirements.
2) Improve voter education and information materials and delivery systems.
3) Motivate individuals to exercise their democratic responsibility to register and vote and to serve as poll workers.
4) Educate ex-felons about their voting rights and provide the appropriate officials in the Correctional, Probation and Parole systems with the appropriate voter registration information to enable ex-offenders to participate in the electoral process when allowed by law.
5) Develop a comprehensive high school civic participation, voter education and voter registration program aimed at involving high school students in the electoral process and related civics projects.

Rhode Island has spent Title I monies on developing the RI Vote! Program - a statewide, grassroots voter education and outreach program with initiatives directed to military voters (*RI Troops Vote!*), first time voters (*First Voters!*) and youth (*Youth Vote!*). RI Vote! included voter registration drives, voter outreach events, a website and a toll-free telephone number for voter information. RI Vote! was designed to help every citizen know where, when and how to vote. Examples of publications produced are included as attachments.

- **RI Vote!** included an intense Voter Information Outreach Campaign which informed people on how and where to register and vote, and educated them on the Help America Vote Act (HAVA) related requirements. This program included partnerships with community-based organizations that used educational materials prepared by the Office of the Secretary of State. Voter education materials included information regarding the reinstatement of voting rights for former felons. Services available under RI Vote! included:

    - voter education materials in English and Spanish (available in hard copy and online):
      Fast Facts — *Your Vote Your Right*
      Voting in RI — *One Vote Counts*
      Rhode Island - How to Register and Vote Guide

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- a toll-free voter information hotline: 1-877-GO2-VOTE
- website with election and voter information
- voter registration
- optical scan voting machine demonstrations
- voter information posters inside and outside of Rhode Island Public Transit Authority (RIPTA) buses
- public service announcements.

- **RI Troops Vote!** helped ensure that all Rhode Island troops were able to exercise their right to vote in the 2004 elections. This program received national recognition from the Federal Voting Assistance Program (FVAP). The program provided:
  - A simplified registration and absentee ballot process, making it easier for Rhode Island troops to vote.
  - Free overseas phone access to the RI Vote! information hotline (1-877-GO2-VOTE)
  - Sending emails to Rhode Island troops in early September and mid-October reminding them about what they need to do to vote in federal and state elections this fall.
  - A new military-specific outreach workshop for local boards of canvassers to review federal and state laws and procedures for processing military and overseas mail ballot requests.
  - A special section on the Secretary of State's website (www.state.ri.us) with detailed instructions to Rhode Island troops about voting.
  - An informational message for Rhode Island troops on the Department of Defense Voting Information Center toll-free number, 1-800-438-8683.

- **First Voters!** provided college students and new citizens with information on how and where to vote.
  - The College Outreach Initiative, in partnership with Rhode Island colleges and Campus Compact of Rhode Island, provided voter education to college students. The Office of the Secretary of State provided:
    - registration forms
    - educational materials to campus organizations conducting registration drives, and
    - sent email messages to students to remind them to vote on Election Day.
  - The New Citizen Initiative provided voter registration information to new citizens following their swearing-in ceremony.

- **Youth Vote!** educated Rhode Island's youth about civics through a high school civics curriculum and other programs.
  - **CIVICS 101** is a high school curriculum to teach high school students about voting, volunteerism, public service and civic participation. CIVICS 101 was piloted at Central Falls and Woonsocket High Schools in fall 2003 and expanded to six schools statewide in fall 2004 (Central Falls, Woonsocket, West Warwick, Lincoln, Classical, Portsmouth, and North Providence High Schools).

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- The Civics Division also conducted a Mock Election Program for high school students aimed at registering students to vote, teaching them how to use the current voting equipment and educating them on the electoral process.
- The Office of the Secretary of State also created a Kids Section within the RI Vote! website with a series of coloring pages that include a voting message to promote dialogue about voting with parents. These materials were distributed to grammar school children who took tours of the State House through November 2, 2004.
- The Office of the Secretary of State also partnered with private and nonprofit organizations in ACTIVOTE - a media campaign that reached out to youth between the ages of 18-34 to encourage voter registration and turnout. Citadel Communications, in partnership with the national organization ACTIVOTE, promoted the GOTV (get out to vote) message through public service announcements between July and November 2, 2004. During the summer, ACTIVOTE participated in various concerts where volunteers held registration drives. In addition to co-sponsoring this campaign, the Office of the Secretary of State provided educational materials.

2. TRAINING ELECTION OFFICIALS

The Rhode Island State Plan, Section 3.2, requires that the Secretary of State provide training to Rhode Island election officials. The State Plan requires that the training be designed to ensure that election officials are well versed in all HAVA mandates, including the use of all voting equipment including optical scans and DREs, the statewide central voter registration system, registration requirements, provisional voting, voting by mail ballot, voting on Election Day and other applicable state and federal election laws. As part of this training, election officials from the Office of the Secretary of State have attended national conferences pertaining to the implementation of HAVA.

3. LEASING OPTICAL SCAN EQUIPMENT

Section 6 of the State Plan discusses the Rhode Island's HAVA Budget. The Rhode Island Department of Administration and the General Assembly have indicated that the annual payments for our current optical scan precinct count voting system and full service contract are to be made from Title 1 HAVA funds.

4. ESTABLISHING A TOLL-FREE HOTLINE

The Office of the Secretary of State, as part of its RI Vote! Program, established, advertised and manned a toll-free hotline (1-877-GO2-VOTE) where all Rhode Island citizens could call to receive information regarding Rhode Island voting requirements, polling place and sample ballot information, mail ballot information and any other election related matters. Voters could also leave a message requesting specific information such as their voter status. This hotline was in operation during the peak election cycle and was accessible to overseas voters.