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Chairman Hicks Announces Election Worker Best Practices Competition Winners

SILVER SPRING, MD – EAC Chairman Thomas Hicks announced today the results of an Election Worker Best Practices Competition. The EAC honored five winners for their excellence in recruiting, training, and retaining election workers.

The EAC's Election Worker Best Practices Competition was a national contest that sought to identify and honor the best poll worker management practices from around the country. Election officials submitted their best practices in the form of videos, websites, training guides, and narratives to the EAC. The EAC then facilitated a review process in which a group of seven state and local election officials judged the entries based on five criteria: (1) innovativeness, (2) effectiveness, (3) sustainability, (4) cost effectiveness, and (5) potential for replication. The EAC received many excellent entries, but five stood out above the rest.

The winners of the EAC Election Worker Best Practices Competition are:

Champions of Democracy (Franklin County, Ohio): an innovative campaign that recruits and trains poll workers at local businesses.

Election Official Resource Portal (New Hanover County, North Carolina): an online portal that provides an up-to-date centralized clearinghouse of poll worker duties and responsibilities.

Practice Makes Perfect Lab (Brevard County, Florida): a cutting edge and replicable hands-on and self-paced training program that has trained over 1,700 poll workers.

The Precinct Performance Report (Montgomery County Maryland): a pragmatic assessment and adjustment program where the performance of individual precincts is used to shape the following year's trainings and resource allocation.

Youth at the Booth (YATB) and Partners in Democracy (Hamilton County, Ohio): YATB is an initiative that pairs young and old poll workers together to create a comprehensive staff of poll workers. Partners in Democracy is an initiative that encourages businesses and agencies to give their employees a "day off for democracy" where they may work as poll workers.

Chairman Hicks stated "These five winners exemplify the hard work and dedication exhibited by all election workers across the country. I hope that they will not only act as an example for their peers, but I also hope that they will inspire voters to come out to work at the polls in November."

More information on the winners is available on EAC's website at [Election Worker Best Practices](#).

The EAC is an independent bipartisan commission created by the Help America Vote Act (HAVA) of 2002. HAVA was passed by the U.S. Congress to make sweeping reforms to the nation's voting process, address improvements to voting systems and voter access that were identified following the 2000 election, and to provide federal funding to states for new voting equipment. HAVA mandates that the EAC test and certify voting equipment, maintain the National Voter Registration form, conduct research, and administer a national clearinghouse on elections that includes shared practices, information for voters and other resources to improve elections. More information is available at [EAC.gov](#).