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EAC Releases Tech Time Election Management Toolkit Video

SILVER SPRING, MD – The U.S. Election Assistance Commission (EAC) today released the fourth segment in a [new video series](#) designed to provide election officials with technology tools for managing the administration of elections.

The video shows how an Election Management Toolkit can help election officials project the number of voting machines and poll workers needed while estimating wait times for voters on Election Day. The toolkit was created by Caltech and MIT's Voting Technology Project.

In this video, Charles Stewart III, professor of political science at MIT, and Alysoun McLaughlin, Deputy Election Director for Montgomery County, Maryland, describe some of these tools and how they are used by election officials.

“Running a successful election involves an extensive amount of preparation,” said EAC Chairman Thomas Hicks. “Election officials must plan for how many poll workers and voting machines are needed at thousands of polling locations across the country, as well as estimate how many voters will show up at these polling locations,” he said.

EAC is producing a series of Tech Time videos that highlight high and low-tech tools election officials can use. Last week EAC released a video that shows how to use data analysis and predictive analytics tools to identify and recruit skilled applicants to work at the polls on Election Day. The segment followed two videos released this month that focused on data visualization to help election officials and voters better understand how elections work, and how visuals can be used in policy and budget discussions. The episodes are available on EAC's website, YouTube, and Twitter.

EAC will release additional Tech Time Episodes throughout the summer. Participants include election officials, academics, election administration advocacy organizations, and others. Upcoming Tech Time Episodes will include: Social Media in Smaller Election Jurisdictions; Data Visualization to Persuade; Election Day Command Center; and Election Office Website Accessibility.

Today's announcement is part of EAC Be Ready 2016 effort. To access a broad range of resources and best practices to help election officials and voters in 2016, visit EAC's website at [BeReady16](#).

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](#).

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