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## **EAC Meets to Review Contingency Planning and Security Preparations for Election Day**

### **Election Worker Best Practices Competition & National Voter Registration Month**

**SILVER SPRING, MD** – The U.S. Election Assistance Commission (EAC) brought together election officials and technical experts today to discuss best practices and strategies for contingency planning and system security in advance of the November election.

Today's meeting follows EAC's participation in a conference call last month with federal and state officials to discuss the security of the election process. Participants included officials from the Department of Homeland Security, the National Association of Secretaries of State, the National Institute of Standards and Technology, and the U.S. Justice Department. For more information, [click here](#).

“The EAC is working with all levels of government to support election officials’ efforts to provide an accessible and secure voting process,” said EAC Chairman Thomas Hicks. “Further, the EAC has worked with local and state election officials, accessibility experts, scientists and academics—as part of our entire #BeReady16 initiative, including activities addressing Election Security Preparedness,” he said.

Commissioners also heard today from panelists about management of the voter registration process, activities regarding National Voter Registration Month, and entries for a national competition for the top election worker training and management best practices.

The national competition for top election worker best practices follows EAC's update to an Election Worker Guidebook and compendium of state poll worker requirements. The guidebook identifies and categorizes successful practices for recruiting, training and managing election workers. The compendium provides the legal requirements for serving as an election worker in each state. The guidebook, compendium and information about the contest are available at [BeReady16 Election Worker Best Practices](#).

Presenters at today's meeting included:

**PANEL #1: National Voter Registration Month**

- Leslie D. Reynolds, Executive Director, National Association of Secretaries of State
- Honorable Natalie Tennant, Secretary of State of West Virginia

**PANEL #2: Election Contingency Planning and System Security**

- Honorable Tom Schedler, Secretary of State of Louisiana
- Honorable Natalie Tennant, Secretary of State of West Virginia
- Merle King, Associate Professor of Information Systems & Executive Director for the Center for Election Systems at Kennesaw State University
- Jack Cobb, Laboratory Director, Pro V&V Laboratory
- Edgardo Cortes, Commissioner, Virginia Department of Elections

To access a broad range of resources and best practices to help election officials and voters in 2016, visit EAC's website at [BeReady16](#). For more information and to access the meeting agenda and webcast, visit [EAC.gov](#).

*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](#).*