EAC Statement Concerning Inspector General Report

March 26, 2010 – Today the U.S. Election Assistance Commission’s (EAC) Inspector General (IG) released a report about the work environment at the EAC. The report, conducted from October 1, 2009 to January 4, 2010, concluded that employees are not subjected to a hostile work environment.

The effort was long, but worthwhile and the EAC commissioners and management appreciate the IG’s professional approach. EAC cooperated fully, giving employees ample time for interviews, setting up alternative workspace for conducting the IG’s interviews, and reminding staff in writing of their rights and obligation to be forthright and cooperative with the IG.

EAC’s success depends upon its employees; that is why before the IG began his review, management had already taken steps to make sure employees are treated fairly and enjoy working at EAC. These steps include teambuilding exercises, additional management training, and emphasizing management’s commitment to open communication.

“I believe we have made significant progress toward improving workplace communication and management practices,” said Chair Donetta Davidson. “Even though no specific recommendations were included, the EAC management team will read this report carefully and continue to make improvements on behalf of our employees,” added Executive Director Thomas Wilkey.

The EAC commissioners and management express their thanks to EAC employees for conducting themselves professionally and for the work they do on behalf of America’s voters. They also thanked the IG for his contribution and continued commitment to efficiency and fairness at the EAC.