



## Office of Secretary of the State

State of Connecticut

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### **Description of Help America Vote Act Spending Programs**

The program expenditures listed below are the expenditures authorized by the State of Connecticut, State Plan and represent HAVA spending from January 1, 2005 to December 31, 2005. More specifically, these expenditures are authorized pursuant to section "J" Effect of Title I Payments, page 18 of the State of Connecticut, State Plan.

#### **I) State Plan – Election Administration Redesign and Reform Management.** **\$330,357.95**

The Office of the Secretary of the State established a position entitled Help America Vote Act Coordinator and has developed a durational positions whose sole duty is to draft and administer our RFP process for new voting machines. The Coordinator is charged with ensuring that all requirements of the Help America Vote Act are met in the State of Connecticut. This includes, but is not limited to supervision of printed materials and ballots, implementation and maintenance of the Centralized Voter Registration System, participation in the review and purchase of compliant voting systems, communication with our 169 municipalities regarding Help America Vote Act implementation at the local level and to ensure that all funding and resources given to municipalities are used in a manner that is compliant with the provisions of the Help America Vote Act. The Coordinator and Secretary of the State staff also attend yearly educational conferences regarding HAVA implementation.

**Salaries & Wages-----\$87,237.92**

The Office of the Secretary of the State completed its Centralized Voter Registration System (CVR) in 2004. The ongoing costs to maintain CVR include: IT Data Services, Hardware Maintenance, and ISDN Telecommunication Services.

**CVR System-----\$243,120.03**

**II) Voter Education and Poll Worker Training.**

**\$344,070.11**

The Office of the Secretary of the State continued various voter education efforts and poll worker training sessions in 2005 to ensure that the general public and local election officials fully understood and could comply with the provisions of the Help America Vote Act. Educating voters on voting rights, voting procedures and voting technology is a priority.

Our voter education and training efforts focused on the future use of accessible voting machines in Connecticut. Specifically, on the federal requirements for the purchase of new voting machines, the contracting process in Connecticut for the purchase of new voting machines, the status of the purchase of new voting machines, details about the new voting machines, the role of municipalities and local election officials and Connecticut's next steps. In addition, our office conducted education and training sessions regarding the new voting machines and their proper use.


In November 2005, the top voting machine vendors participated in public demonstrations in each of Connecticut's five Congressional Districts where Mayors, First Selectmen, Registrars of Voters, Town Clerks and members of the public (including persons with disabilities) were given an opportunity to rate and evaluate the machines. The University of Connecticut managed the process and reported on the evaluation of each machine. The University of Connecticut also conducted a focus group for people with disabilities at each demonstration location. In addition to the public demonstrations, we provided the opportunity for registrars of voters and town clerks to grade each vendor on their training process.

Finally, our office met with and corresponded, both in writing and through the use of the media, with the public, local election officials, including poll workers, on several occasions regarding the procedures to be used for new voting machine implementation.

# FINANCIAL STATUS REPORT

(Long Form)

(Follow instructions on the back)

1. Federal Agency and Organizational Element to Which Report is Submitted Election Assistance Commission		2. Federal Grant or Other Identifying Number Assigned By Federal Agency Help America Vote Act		OMB Approval No. <b>0348-0039</b>	Page of 1   1 pages
3. Recipient Organization (Name and complete address, including ZIP code) Connecticut Office of the Secretary of the State 30 Trinity Street Hartford, CT 06106					
4. Employer Identification Number [REDACTED]	5. Recipient Account Number or Identifying Number [REDACTED]	6. Final Report <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No		7. Basis <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Cash <input type="checkbox"/> Accrual	
8. Funding/Grant Period (See instructions) From: (Month, Day, Year) 5/1/2003		9. Period Covered by this Report From: (Month, Day, Year) 12/31/2005		To: (Month, Day, Year) 12/31/2005	
10. Transactions:		I Previously Reported	I This Period	III Cumulative	
a. Total outlays		1,337,073.00	674,428.06	2,011,501.06	
b. Refunds, rebates, etc.				0.00	
c. Program income used in accordance with the deduction alternative				0.00	
d. Net outlays (Line a, less the sum of lines b and c)		1,337,073.00	674,428.06	2,011,501.06	
Recipient's share of net outlays, consisting of:					
e. Third party (in-kind) contributions				0.00	
f. Other Federal awards authorized to be used to match this award				0.00	
g. Program income used in accordance with the matching or cost sharing alternative		141,589.97		141,589.97	
h. All other recipient outlays not shown on lines e, f, g				0.00	
i. Total recipient share of net outlays (Sum of lines e, f, g and h)		141,589.97	0.00	141,589.97	
j. Federal share of net outlays (line d less line i)		1,195,483.03	674,428.06	1,869,911.09	
k. Total unliquidated obligations					
l. Recipient's share of unliquidated obligations					
m. Federal share of unliquidated obligations					
n. Total Federal share (sum of lines j and m)				1,869,911.09	
o. Total Federal funds authorized for this funding period				3,704,033.97	
p. Unobligated balance of Federal funds (Line o minus line n)				1,834,122.88	
Program Income, consisting of:					
q. Disbursed program income shown on lines c and/or g above					
r. Disbursed program income using the addition alternative					
s. Undisbursed program income				106,396.24	
t. Total program income realized (Sum of lines q, r and s)				106,396.24	
11. Indirect Expense	a. Type of Rate (Place "X" in appropriate box) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Provisional <input type="checkbox"/> Predetermined <input type="checkbox"/> Final <input type="checkbox"/> 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. Report does not include money spent by the State of Connecticut for HAVA implementation which is considered by the State as part of the State required 5% matching funds because that amount was expended in previous years.					
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 Lesley Mara, Deputy Secretary of the State			Telephone (Area code, number and extension) (860) 509-6212		
Signature of Authorized Certifying Official 			Date Report Submitted February 28, 2006		