



U. S. ELECTION ASSISTANCE COMMISSION
VOTING SYSTEM TESTING AND CERTIFICATION PROGRAM
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Ms. Kelly A. Rohacek
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Sent via e-mail and mail

Dear Ms. Rohacek

This letter is to serve as the official invitation by the United States Election Assistance Commission (EAC) to CIBER, Inc. (CIBER) to apply for accreditation under the EAC's Voting System Test Laboratory Accreditation Program. CIBER is hereby invited to apply for accreditation to test voting systems to the 2005 Voluntary Voting System Guidelines promulgated by the EAC.

The EAC is mandated under Section 231 of the Help America Vote Act of 2002 (HAVA) (42 U.S.C. §15371(b)) to "... provide for the certification, de-certification and re-certification of voting system hardware and software by accredited laboratories." As part of this process, HAVA requires the National Institute of Standards and Technology (NIST) to evaluate independent non-Federal test laboratories. NIST selects those laboratories technically qualified to test voting systems and recommends them to the EAC for accreditation. NIST utilizes its preexisting National Voluntary Laboratory Accreditation Program (NVLAP) to perform this evaluation. NIST has reviewed Ciber's technical capabilities, procedures and personnel and has recommended the laboratory for EAC accreditation.

However, before CIBER may be accredited as an EAC Voting System Test Laboratory, CIBER must provide information, agree to program requirements, and certify certain practices and conditions. EAC is the final authority for Voting System Test Laboratory Accreditation. While NIST's recommendation serves as a reliable indication of technical competency, the EAC must take additional steps to ensure that laboratory policies are in place regarding issues like conflict of interest, record maintenance, and financial stability. It must also ensure that the candidate laboratory is willing and capable to work with EAC in its Certification Program. To that end, the EAC requests, CIBER to submit a letter of application containing all information required by Section 3.4 of the EAC's *Voting*

System Test Laboratory Manual (attached) as approved by a vote of the Commission on July 21, 2008.

If you should have any questions regarding the requirements of the program manual or the accreditation process please feel free to contact the EAC at anytime.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Brian J. Hancock". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Brian" and last name "Hancock" clearly legible.

Brian J. Hancock
Director,
Voting System Certification Program

Attachment: *EAC Voting System Test Laboratory Program Manual*