



**U. S. ELECTION ASSISTANCE COMMISSION**  
**VOTING SYSTEM TESTING AND CERTIFICATION PROGRAM**  
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Steve Pearson  
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**Sent via e-mail**

**Re: Initial Decision on Certification**

Dear Steve Pearson,

This correspondence is to inform you that Election Systems and Software EVS 5203 voting system completed the initial step towards receipt of an EAC certification. This Initial Decision on Certification represents an EAC acknowledgement that EVS 5203 has successfully completed conformance testing to the 2005 *Voluntary Voting System Guidelines*.

However, as provided in §5.9 of the EAC's *Voting System Testing and Certification Program Manual* (Certification Manual), for an Initial Decision to become final and to issue a certification number and a Certificate of Conformance, a manufacturer must provide documentation to the Program Director verifying that the trusted build has been performed, software has been deposited in an approved repository, and system identification tools are available to election officials. A manufacturer must submit a letter, signed by both its management representative and a NTS official, stating (under penalty of law) that it has:

1. Performed a trusted build consistent with the requirements of §5.6 of the EAC's Certification Manual;
2. Deposited software consistent with §5.7 of the EAC's Certification Manual;
3. Created and made available system identification tools consistent with §5.8 of the EAC's Certification Manual (a copy and description of the system identification tool developed must be provided with the letter); and
4. Upon a final decision to grant certification, the manufacturer accepts the certification and all conditions placed on the certification.

Upon receipt of documentation demonstrating the successful completion of the requirements above and recommendation of the Program Director, I will issue an Agency Decision granting

certification and provide Election Systems and Software EVS 5203 with a certification number and Certificate of Conformance.

If you have any questions or need further information, please do not hesitate to contact Brian Hancock at your earliest convenience. I thank you in advance for your time and attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Alice Miller". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a small mark above the first letter.

Alice Miller  
Chief Operating Officer and Acting Executive Director  
Decision Authority

Cc: Brian Hancock, U.S. Election Assistance Commission  
James Long, NTS