



# STATE OF NEBRASKA

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Brian Newby, Executive Director  
U.S. Election Assistance Commission  
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Silver Spring, MD 20910

May 31, 2018

Dear Mr. Newby:

The purpose of this letter is to certify that the State of Nebraska will use the funds provided under the Notice of Grant Award, Agreement # NE18101001, for activities consistent with the laws described in Section 906 of HAVA and will not use the funds in a manner that is inconsistent with the requirements of Title III of HAVA.

We further certify that we have reviewed and accept the terms of the award as specified in the Notice of Grant Award. Our UEI number is 18-819-7743 and the signed Certification Regarding Lobbying is enclosed.

We are requesting \$3,496,936.00 at this time. We will develop the program narrative as follows:

As Secretary of State, I have created a SOS HAVA Group, a team consisting of myself, my Chief Deputy/General Counsel, my Deputy for Elections, my Controller, my Chief Technology Officer, and my Communications Officer to coordinate the development of the program narrative and budget. We are meeting weekly from May 14, 2018, through July 16, 2018, the end of our 90 day period to develop and transmit our narrative and budget.

I appointed our Controller to fulfill the role of Entity Administrator in the System of Award Management (SAM). Our SAM registration is now active.

Under the direction of the SOS HAVA Group, various steps are being taken to solicit suggestions and ideas for the use of supplemental HAVA funds, from various organizations and sources:

Our Deputy for Elections, Wayne Bena, meets quarterly with the election commissioners of the three largest Nebraska counties to discuss election processes and challenges. Deputy Bena has reviewed with those election commissioners the tentative list of recommended projects for use of the HAVA funds. In addition, Deputy Bena has traveled to each of the five regional meetings of the County Clerks and Election Commissioners this past March to solicit feedback on initial plans. He is also speaking to the entire organization at their bi-annual meeting later this month. Revisions or additions will be entertained and considered by this group prior to the final narrative/budget report.

# STATE OF TEXAS

County of \_\_\_\_\_  
City of \_\_\_\_\_  
I, \_\_\_\_\_  
do hereby certify that \_\_\_\_\_  
is the true and correct \_\_\_\_\_

Witness my hand and seal of office  
this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_

Notary Public in and for the State of Texas  
My Commission Expires \_\_\_\_\_

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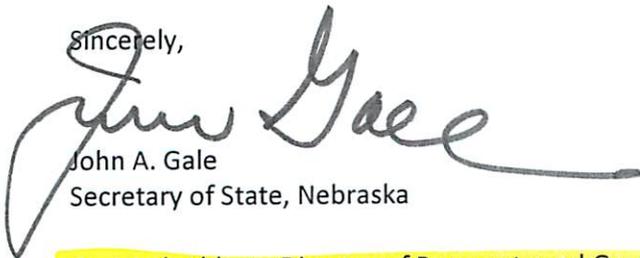
Assistant Secretary of State Laura Strimple has been assigned the task of researching information provided through national organizations, such as the National Association of Secretaries of State (NASS), National Association of State Election Directors (NASSED), and U.S. Elections Assistance Commission (EAC), to summarize general ideas and suggestions for the use of the supplemental HAVA funds. Such lists will be reviewed by the SOS HAVA Group for possible revisions or additions prior to the final narrative/budget report.

Additionally, as Secretary of State, I appointed an Elections Systems Task Force in August, 2017, consisting of 24 members, ranging from county election officials, representatives of various disability groups, military advisors (to address military and overseas voting issues), as well as representatives from non-profit organizations involved with issues of election reform and voter turnout such as League of Women Voters and Civics Nebraska, to help address topics like election reform and voter turnout. Members of that Task Force have been invited to a meeting on June 28, 2018 in Lincoln, Nebraska. The Secretary of State's Office will provide a briefing to the members on the HAVA funding process and discuss recommendations of the Secretary of State for projects to be funded with the HAVA grant. Revisions or additions will be entertained and considered prior to the final narrative/budget report.

A final draft of the project narrative/budget will be reviewed and approved by the SOS HAVA Group on or before July 6, 2018.

If you have any questions about this request, please contact our Entity Administrator Joyce Woofter at 1-402-471-2384 or [Joyce.Woofter@Nebraska.gov](mailto:Joyce.Woofter@Nebraska.gov)

Sincerely,



John A. Gale  
Secretary of State, Nebraska

Cc: Mark Abbott, Director of Payments and Grants

Enclosure

To: US Election Assistance Commission

Certification Regarding Lobbying

Certification for Contracts, Grants, Loans, and Cooperative Agreements

The undersigned certifies, to the best of his or her knowledge and belief, that: (1) No Federal appropriated funds have been paid or will be paid, by or on behalf of the undersigned, to any person for influencing or attempting to influence an officer or employee of an agency, a Member of Congress, an officer or employee of Congress, or an employee of a Member of Congress in connection with the awarding of any Federal contract, the making of any Federal loan, the making of any Federal grant, the entering into of any cooperative agreement, and the extension, continuation, renewal, amendment, or modification of any Federal contract, grant, loan, or cooperative agreement. (2) If any funds other than Federal appropriated funds have been paid or will be paid to any person for influencing or attempting to influence an officer or employee of any agency, a Member of Congress, an officer or employee of Congress, or an employee of a Member of Congress in connection with this Federal contract, grant, loan, or cooperative agreement, the undersigned shall complete and submit Standard Form-LLL, "Disclosure of Lobbying Activities," in accordance with its instructions. (3) The undersigned shall require that the language of this certification be included in the award documents for all subawards at all tiers (including subcontracts, subgrants, and contracts under grants, loans, and cooperative agreements) and that all subrecipients shall certify and disclose accordingly. This certification is a material representation of fact upon which reliance was placed when this transaction was made or entered into. Submission of this certification is a prerequisite for making or entering into this transaction imposed by Section 1352, Title 31, U.S. Code. Any person who fails to file the required certification shall be subject to a civil penalty of not less than \$10,000 and not more than \$100,000 for each such failure.

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TITLE

State of  
Nebraska

ORGANIZATION

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May 31, 2018

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ii) Recipient integrity and performance matters. If the total Federal share of the Federal award may include more than \$500,000 over the period of performance, the Federal awarding agency must include the term and condition available in Appendix XII—Award Term and Condition for Recipient Integrity and Performance Matters. See also 2 C.F.R. §200.113 Mandatory disclosures.