



State of Rhode Island and Providence Plantations  
**Department of State | Office of the Secretary of State**  
**Nellie M. Gorbea, Secretary of State**

June 11, 2018

Brian Newby, Executive Director  
U.S. Election Assistance Commission  
1335 East-West Highway, Suite 4300  
Silver Spring, MD 20910

Dear Mr. Newby:

The purpose of this letter is to certify that the State of Rhode Island will use the funds provided under the Notice of Grant Award, Agreement #RI18101001, for activities consistent with the laws described in Section 906 of the Help America Vote Act (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 (formerly DUNS) is 963568303 and the signed Certification Regarding Lobbying is enclosed.

Rhode Island is requesting to drawdown \$3 million at this time. It is important to note that Rhode Island state law requires that all appropriations and expenditures be approved through the annual budgetary process. My office has submitted a budget request to the Governor and General Assembly for \$1,983,770 to be expended in the upcoming State fiscal year. We will develop the program narrative as follows:

- April 30, 2018: Secretary Gorbea convened the HAVA 2018 Task Force comprised of state and local elections officials, cybersecurity leaders and members of the public to discuss funding priorities.
- May 14, 2018: Secretary Gorbea announced the funding priorities along with members of the state's Congressional delegation.
- May/June 2018: HAVA funding priorities presented to the Rhode Island legislature for inclusion in the Fiscal Year 2019 State budget.

If you have any questions about this request, please contact Rob Rock, director of elections at 401.222.7979 or [rrock@sos.ri.gov](mailto:rrock@sos.ri.gov).

Sincerely,

Nellie M. Gorbea  
Rhode Island Secretary of State

cc. Mark Abbott, Director of Payments and Grants