



U.S. Election Assistance Commission

EAC Testing & Certification Program

Unified Testing Initiative and Cost of Testing Meeting

January 29 - 30, 2009

Miami Beach Resort & Spa
4833 Collins Avenue
Miami Beach, FL 33140

January 29, 2009: Unified Testing Initiative - *The Mediterranean Center*

- 9:00 a.m. - 9:30 a.m. **Welcome and introductions**
- 9:30 a.m. – 10:45 a.m. **Overview of program concept and implementation of the Unified Testing Initiative (Brian Hancock, Director EAC Testing and Certification Program)**
- 10:45 a.m. – 11:00 a.m. **Morning break**
- 11:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. **Open discussion on program concept and implementation**
- **State perspective**
 - **Laboratory perspective**
 - **Manufacturer perspective**
 - **Election integrity and academic groups perspective**
- 12:00 p.m. – 1:15 p.m. **Lunch – on your own**
- 1:15 p.m. – 1:45 p.m. **Guest speaker: [The Honorable Kurt Browning, Florida Secretary of State](#)**
- 1:45 p.m. – 2:30 p.m. **Overview of the EAC Threat Assessment Project and its Relevance for State Election Officials (Matt Masterson, EAC Program Coordinator)**
- 2:30 p.m. – 3:00 p.m. **Call to participate in 2009 Unified Testing Initiative pilot program**
- **5-6 States needed to volunteer for program**
- 3:00 p.m. – 3:15 p.m. **Afternoon break**
- 3:15 p.m. – 4:15 p.m. **Discussion of next steps of the Initiative with potential participants, laboratories, and manufacturers**
- 4:15 p.m. – 5:00 p.m. **Beyond the pilot program – State participation in the initiative**
- 5:00 p.m. **Adjourn**

January 30, 2009: Cost of Testing

- 9:00 a.m. - 9:30 a.m. **Welcome and overview: Review of 1st Cost of Testing Summit**
- 9:30 a.m. – 10:45 a.m. **Group discussion: Identifying factors that impact cost of testing at the State and EAC levels**
- 10:45 a.m. – 11:00 a.m. ***Morning Break***
- 11:00 a.m. – 12:15 p.m. **Guest Speaker: Merle King, Kennesaw State University Center for Election Systems – “Initiating University/State Partnerships”**
- 12:15 p.m. – 1:30 p.m. **Lunch – *on your own***
- *1:30 p.m. – 4:00 p.m. **Breakout Session #1: *Towards a Consolidated Approach for Considering Voting System Performance: Potentials for controlling the cost of testing (Discussion Leader- David Beirne, ETC)***
- Concurrent **Breakout Session #2: *Balancing quality testing and cost (Discussion Leaders Stephen Berger & Mark Skall)***
- Concurrent **Breakout Session #3: *Engineering Change Orders: How can we improve the process for evaluation and approval by EAC, VSTL's and State Certification authorities? (Discussion Leader-Steve Pearson, ES&S)***
- 4:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m. **Next steps in determining and controlling the cost of voting system testing; short term and long term goals**
- 5:00 p.m. ***Adjourn***

* All three afternoon breakout sessions will run concurrently, with participants switching sessions after 45 minutes.