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Summary of Status and Planning for the 2008 Election Day Survey

EAC staff, along with its contractor, Election Data Services, held a series of conference calls with 43 states in early December to collect feedback on the 2006 EAC survey data collection process.

These conference calls have assisted the contractor and EAC with identifying the key data elements we will want to collect for the 2008 survey, along with helping EAC consider the best means of assisting states with the process for collecting and inputting 2008 election data.

EAC and Election Data Services will complete its process of collecting feedback from the states by January 30. This input will help inform the process we will use in order to gather 2008 Election Day survey data.

EAC research staff are working to finalize the data points, or key data elements, that will be contained in the 2008 survey. We anticipate that this information regarding what information will be asked for from the States, for the 2008 survey, will be ready for the public's review by the second week in February.

EAC anticipates that these data elements, or specific election data that we will be collecting from the states, will be available for review in the Federal Register by late February.

In the coming months EAC also anticipates that it will be providing in-depth assistance to the States as they begin to assemble these data and work to develop systems and processes for collecting and inputting the States' data.