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### **Update on the 2010 Election Administration and Voting Survey**

Commissioners, I come before you today to provide you with a brief update on the status of the 2010 Election Administration and Voting Survey.

This year's contractor for the survey, ICF International (ICF), came on board in June. The project will be managed by Dr. Chris Spera.

EAC made initial contact with State election officials in June. A letter from Chair Davidson was emailed to State election officials introducing ICF and Dr. Spera as the project manager.

Since that time, ICF has communicated with all State points of contact verifying those individuals who will receive the information related to the survey. We are happy to report that all State points of contact have been confirmed.

On August 3, ICF sent the Statutory Overview templates to the States requesting that the information be returned to ICF by September 30. States received pre-filled templates with their 2008 text-based responses and were asked to make any changes where necessary.

Once the Statutory Overview was released, technical assistance to the States began. Although we are not anticipating any problems with the Statutory Overview section, ICF technical assistance specialists have reached out to all points of contact to let them know that they are available to help in any way necessary. We anticipate a final draft of the Statutory Overview report will be completed in December.

ICF is currently working on the survey template for the quantitative data and the instruction manual, both of which will be released to the States next month.

A project website is also being developed for State points of contact to access any information they may need about the survey and to upload their survey data submissions. The project website should be operational later this month.

The due date for the States' survey data is February 1, 2011. The data will then be verified with State officials before being analyzed in preparation for writing the first of three reports.

The NVRA report will be released June 30, 2011, followed by the UOCAVA and comprehensive Election Administration and Voting Survey reports in early fall.