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Missouri 2023 HAVA Program and Budget Narrative

Elections are the foundation of our democratic republic and the integrity of those elections is of paramount importance. With this in mind, Missouri stands ready to strengthen the security and veracity of our elections on all fronts, electronic and physical, through the utilization of the 2023 Help American Vote (HAVA) grant received from the Election Assistance Commission. In total, this will result in an investment of **\$1,219,482** in our elections systems throughout the remainder of 2023 and beyond, as Missouri strives to educate, prepare, and equip our state's election officials with the knowledge and tools essential to operating free and fair elections.

The Missouri Secretary of State (MSOS) will apply the federal funds for the purposes listed below, including but not limited to the following:

- Facilitate election security training for all Missouri chief election officials and local election authorities;
- Continue modernization of Missouri's Centralized Voter Registration System (MCVR);
- Continue 24-7 defense monitoring to prevent attempts to corrupt the MCVR;
- Upgrade election-related computer systems to modernize protections and reduce future vulnerabilities;
- Bolster physical and electronic election security best practices for election systems;
- Assist with training and self-monitoring of local election authorities security, both physical and electronic, with best practices;
- Utilize MSOS IT staff assistance for local election authorities to evaluate and aid in compliance with election security best practices;
- Fund other activities that will improve the security of elections for Federal office.

Additionally, the Missouri Secretary of State will award grants to local election authorities (LEA) including but not limited to the following:

- Upgrade and enhance local election authorities' computer systems and equipment to address any vulnerabilities, thereby improving the security of elections;
- Perform security assessments of election equipment to establish or improve best practices for election systems;
- Facilitate training for post-election procedures and the improvement of election security, both electronic and physical;
- Connect local election authorities with state and national resources that are available to aid in identifying and mitigating security threats;
- Enhance communications with local election authorities to ensure implementation of security updates;
- Provide funding to enhance physical security of voting processes, including privacy screens for tabletop/touchscreen equipment, and items used to protect election equipment and data during transport to and from polling places.
- Offer funding to ensure voting machines are replaced as needed, properly maintained, up-to-date on programming and licensing, and securely stored when not in use.

