



U. S. ELECTION ASSISTANCE COMMISSION
VOTING SYSTEM TESTING AND CERTIFICATION PROGRAM
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Gregory L. Beasley, Project Manager
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(Sent via e-mail)

Re: Certification Application for Avante Optical Vote-Trakker (EVC308-OVT/1.9.0)

Dear Mr. Beasley,

The U.S. Election Assistance Commission (EAC) has completed the review of the application package for Avante International Technology's (Avante) Optical Vote-Trackker (EVC308-OVT/1.9.0). The application has been accepted and has been assigned the following unique application number: **AIT0901**.

Avante has selected Wyle Laboratories as the lead VSTL for this testing engagement, and testing will be conducted to the *2005 Voluntary Voting System Guidelines*. If the system meets the criteria for a grant of certification, the system will be assigned the number "AIT-EVC308" as per your request on the application form (EAC-002C).

The Certification Program has assigned Matthew V. Masterson as Project Manager to oversee the certification process of Avante's Optical VoteTrackker. The goal of the Project Manager is to facilitate the communication between the EAC staff (including Technical Reviewers), Avante, and Wyle Laboratories to optimize the efficiency of the certification process. The Project Manager will monitor the voting system throughout its life cycle in the Certification Program, and ensure the process meets the requirements of the Certification Program's manuals.

The contact information for this Project Manager is:

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In addition, the two lead EAC technical reviewers assigned to this system are:

- Tom Watson (txtwatson@gmail.com)
- Tom Caddy (tcaddy@sbcglobal.net)

The EAC may at any time utilize additional technical reviewers to assist in the review of test plans and test reports. All communications with the technical reviewers shall be facilitated through the Project Manager.

Finally, we strongly encourage you to regularly visit the EAC's Web site (www.eac.gov) for the latest Notices of Interpretation and Clarification, news, program manuals, and updates. The exact location of this information is: <http://www.eac.gov/program-areas/voting-systems>. The information contained in the Notices of Interpretation and Clarification is critical to understanding testing standards and program requirements. It is a manufacturer's responsibility to ensure they adhere to all procedural requirements of the program. Copies of the EAC Voting System Testing and Certification Program Manual (V.1.0) and the EAC Voting System Test Laboratory Program Manual (V.1.0) have been attached to this correspondence for your reference.

If you have any questions or need further information about this matter, please do not hesitate to contact us at your earliest convenience. We thank you in advance for your cooperation in this matter.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Brian Hancock". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large initial "B" and "H".

Brian Hancock
Director of Voting System Testing & Certification

Cc: Wyle Laboratories