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Ms. Coggins,

This letter is in response to your inquiry of July 26, 2007, in which you informed the EAC of iBeta's decision to halt testing of Advanced Voting Solutions' WINware 2.0.4 voting system due to a contract dispute. It is our understanding that iBeta is seeking guidance from the EAC regarding its responsibilities in the event the testing of this system is terminated.

For the purposes of EAC Certification Program, voting system testing should be considered terminated when the testing process is permanently ended or otherwise halted without a specific plan to recommence within 180 days of the last test performed. In the event voting system testing is terminated, VSTLs are required to notify the EAC Program Director (as iBeta has). This notification must be in writing and state the reasons for termination, provide a list of all testing completed, and produce a matrix of test anomalies or failures pursuant to Section 4.5.2 of the *EAC Testing and Certification Program Manual*.

The termination of voting system testing will result in the suspension of the Manufacturer's Certification Application. Additionally, the termination and VSTL's written notice will be posted on EAC's website. Manufacturers may resubmit a system previously terminated by submitting an updated application consistent with Chapter 4 of the *Voting System Testing and Certification Program Manual*. Pursuant to Section Section 4.3.1.2 of the *Voting System Testing and Certification Program Manual*, a system resubmitted to the EAC after termination must be tested by the VSTL identified on the original application.

We appreciate your attention to our Certification Program requirements. If you have any questions concerning the above, please contact the undersigned.

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Cc: Advanced Voting Solutions