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State Voter Registration Databases

Workshop IV

Crowne Plaza Hotel
Kansas City Downtown
1301 Wyandotte Street
Kansas City, Missouri

July 30, 2008

FINAL AGENDA

This workshop (the fourth in a series of eight) is designed to provide state and local election officials with an opportunity for interactive dialogue, regarding current implementation and future directions for HAVA-mandated state-wide voter registration databases, with the National Academies' Committee on State Voter Registration Databases. The sessions will focus on current and future policy issues and technical implementation decisions regarding interstate voter registration data sharing and data matching.

Wednesday, July 30, 2008

OPEN SESSION

Room – Salon A

9:00 – 9:10 a.m.   **Welcome and Overview**
Olene Walker, Committee and Workshop Co-chair

9:10 – 9:40   **Welcome and Overview of Interstate Matching Efforts**
Hon. Ron Thornburgh, Secretary of State, Kansas
Hon. Mark Ritchie, Secretary of State, Minnesota

9:40 – 10:00   **Past, Present, and Future of Interstate Data Sharing and Data Matching**
Brad Bryant, Election Director, Kansas

10:00 – 11:45   **Roundtable Session I -- Interstate Data Sharing and Data Matching: Initial Attempts and Areas for Improvement**
Discussion Facilitator: Fran Ulmer

- What is your state's experience with and status of any interstate matching efforts?
- What has been working well and what requires more attention?

11:45 – 12:45 p.m.	Lunch Available (Room – Salon B)

12:45 – 2:15   **Roundtable Session II -- Interstate Data Sharing and Data Matching: Looking Toward the Future**
Discussion Facilitator: Michael Alvarez

- Why conduct interstate data matching? What are the goals?
- Should any broader frameworks be created to facilitate interstate data sharing?
- Should the efforts remain regional, expand to affinity states, move toward a national approach?
- What broader improvements could be made across states, such as data field/format standardization?
- Should attempts at interstate data matching remain ad hoc and bottom up (e.g. grow slow and build to develop a standard over time) or would a more formalized, top-down approach be more effective?
- How can best practices be shared among the states that are engaging in interstate data sharing efforts?
- As more states take part in interstate data matching efforts, what privacy policies and/or public relation strategies may need to be formulated?

Roundtable participants:

Brad Bryant, Deputy Assistant for Elections, Kansas
Mike Stewart, CIO for the Secretary of State's Office, Kansas
L. Neal Erickson, Deputy Secretary of State for Elections, Nebraska
Josh Daws, CIO for Secretary of State's Office, Nebraska
Mark Ritchie, Secretary of State, Minnesota

2:15 – 2:30   Break

2:30 – 3:15   **Other Perspectives on Interstate Data Matching**
Robert Brandon, Co-founder and President, Fair Elections Legal Network

3:15 – 4:30   **Third-Party Voter Registration**
Discussion Facilitator: Wendy Noren
- Share your reactions to the committee's recommendations for third-party voter registration groups in its interim report, *State Voter Registration Databases: Immediate Actions and Future Improvement*
- Describe your organization's experience with voter registration, noting particular successes as well as challenges.
- What changes, if any, is your organization working on to improve your voter registration processes?

Mary Merritt, President, League of Women Voters, Missouri
Mary Potter, Member, Jackson County Republican Committee
Michael Slater, Deputy Director, Project Vote, Association of Community Organizations for Reform Now (ACORN)

4:30 – 5:15   **Why Have Voter Registration?**
Jim Silrum, Deputy Secretary of State, North Dakota

5:15   *Adjourn Public Workshop*