United States
Election Assistance Commission

Future of California Elections

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U.S. Election Assistance Commission

U.S. Election Assistance Commission (EAC)

- Established by the Help America Vote Act (HAVA)
  - HAVA signed into law by President George W. Bush, Oct. 29, 2002
  - First four commissioners sworn into office on Dec. 13, 2003
  - EAC opened its doors on April 5, 2004
- Independent, Bipartisan Commission
- Two commissioners from each political party
- Recommendations from House/Senate Leadership
- Nominated by the President and Confirmed by the U.S. Senate
- Current Commissioners sworn into office Jan 13, 2015
  - Thomas Hicks, Matthew Masterson and Christy McCormick
  - One vacancy on the commission

Help America Vote Act

- HAVA enacted by the United States Congress to make sweeping reforms to the nation's voting process.
- HAVA addresses improvements to voting systems and voter access that were identified following the contested 2000 presidential election.
- HAVA creates new mandatory minimum standards for states to follow in several key areas of election administration.
- HAVA Provides Funding to Help States
  - Meet The New Standards.
  - Replace Voting Systems.
  - Improve Election Administration.

Help America Vote Act

HAVA requires that the states implement the following new programs and procedures:

- Provisional Voting

- Voting Information

- Updated and Upgraded Voting Equipment

- Statewide Voter Registration Databases

- Voter Identification Procedures

- Administrative Complaint Procedures

HAVA & EAC

HAVA Established EAC to:

- Distribute HAVA Funds to the States for New Voting Equipment
- Create Voluntary Voting System Guidelines (VVSG)
- Operate a voting system testing and certification program
- Research & Develop Guidance to Meet HAVA Requirements
- Assist the states regarding HAVA compliance
- Maintain the National Mail Voter Registration Form
- Administer a National Clearinghouse on Election Administration
  - Shared Best Practices
  - Information for Voters
  - Other Resources to Improve Elections

HAVA & EAC Advisory Boards

HAVA established three advisory committees to assist EAC in carrying out its mandates

- Standards Board: 110-members
    - 55 state election officials and 55 local election officials
- Board of Advisors: 37-members
    - Key election stakeholder organizations
- Technical Guidelines Development Committee (TGDC)
    - Assist EAC in developing Voluntary Voting System Guidelines

Listening Tour

DISABILITY ACCESS HEARING

When :April 27

Where: Boston, MA

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- Contingency Planning

- Vote-by-mail & USPS Issues

- Accessibility

- Poll Worker Recruitment & Training

- Voting Systems
  - Procuring new election tech
  - Maintaining old election tech
  - Integrating systems

#BeReady16

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The 2016 election cycle has already begun. State and local jurisdictions are preparing for Presidential Primaries as well as the state primaries and general elections to follow. In this section you'll find some of our most popular resources and shared approaches for how best to inform voters, advocates and the media about state election laws and procedures, voting technology, including how to prepare for and execute an election while also monitoring reports and speculations, managing media relations, and maintaining contingency plans.

Contingency Plans

In preparation for the 2016 elections, the U.S. Election Assistance Commission is collecting and sharing continuity of operations plans (COOPs) and resources from election officials at the state and local levels.

View more information...

USPS Issues

The U.S. Election Assistance Commission (EAC) and the Department of Defense's Federal Voting Assistance Program (FVAP) are offering to assist the United States Postal Service (USPS) on election mail challenges.

View more information...

Managing Election Technology

The primary goals of the Managing Election Technology papers are to help Election Officials identify the primary areas in which they must recognize their role as an IT manager.

View more information...

Accessibility

Accessibility for voters with disabilities is an important EAC priority. To highlight best practices in this area, the Commission would like to share state ADA polling place checklists.

View more information...

Voting Technology Procurement

From time to time, the U.S. Election Assistance Commission becomes aware of state or local governments' issuing requests for proposals (RFP), request for quotes (RFQ), or request for information (RFI) to solicit commercial bids to procure voting systems or e-pollbooks. Other election administrators may be considering similar procurements and could benefit from reviewing other RFP/RFQ/RFI's

E-Pollbook Requirements

The U.S. Election Assistance Commission is aware that many states have developed e-pollbook Testing & Certification programs. EAC collected the requirements, test protocols and/or checklists used by each state with a program currently in place. Other election administrators may be considering similar programs and could benefit from reviewing this information.

Contingency Plans

Contingency Planning

- Roundtable - Preparing for Election 2016 in Battleground Jurisdictions --- January 2016

- 6 Tips for Contingency and Disaster Planning *(Tips)*

- Contingency Planning (*Video*)

- Contingency Planning Clearinghouse

- Contingency and Disaster Planning (*Quick Start*)

Poll Workers Resources

- **2007** - EAC Published Poll Worker Training and Recruitment Manual

- **2015** - EAC Published an updated quick tip guide on how to recruit high school & college poll workers

- **2016** – EAC Release updated poll worker recruitment, training report & Webisode

APPEALING TO HIGH SCHOOL AND COLLEGE STUDENTS

High school and college students bring dynamic energy and essential skills to the polling place. Creating relationships with your local schools will help bring this energy into your work force and also engage students in the election process.

- ☐ Start early and take advantage of campus events so you can coordinate with professors and teachers and willing school contacts

- ☐ Partner annually with schools and professors to help engage students in community service and possible course credit

- ☐ Request a campus-wide email, Web page, or social media message to recruit tech-savvy, high-energy, and bilingual students

- ☐ Provide information on what statutes permit student election workers to do and if they can be paid

- ☐ Consider providing training on campus or developing an app for mobile devices

- ☐ Google AdWords, Craigslist, and Facebook can be good ways to connect with potential election workers

- ☐ Mock or student body elections can spur interest and generate volunteers

- ☐ Contact the student disability office to help recruit students with disabilities

Poll Worker Guide Update

Compendium of State Poll Worker Requirements
August 2007
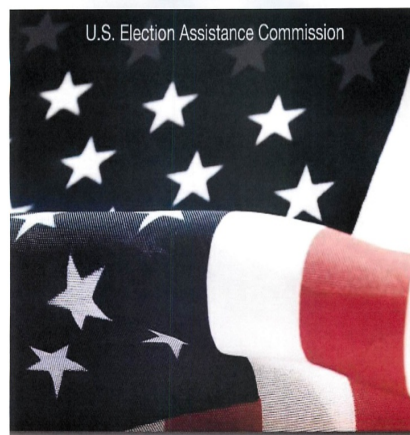
A Guidebook for Recruiting College Poll Workers
July 2007

6 TIPS

To Employ Effective Poll Workers

The U.S. Election Assistance Commission has collaborated with local election officials to develop a series of helpful tips for election management. This series provides tips and suggests best practices to help you run efficient and effective elections.

Quality poll workers are crucial to every election. These six tips can help you recruit, train, and assign capable poll workers.

EAC Testing & Certification

EAC Testing & Certification

- Voluntary Program
  - States pick and choose how they use the program
  - 47 of 50 states use some aspect of the program
- Test and certify voting systems to set of requirements
  - Recently adopted updates to the standard and program to improve efficiency and modernize
  - Average certification time:
    - 6-8 months for a full system
    - 12 days – 1 month for modification

Voting System Certification

EAC Certification

State Certification

Local Testing
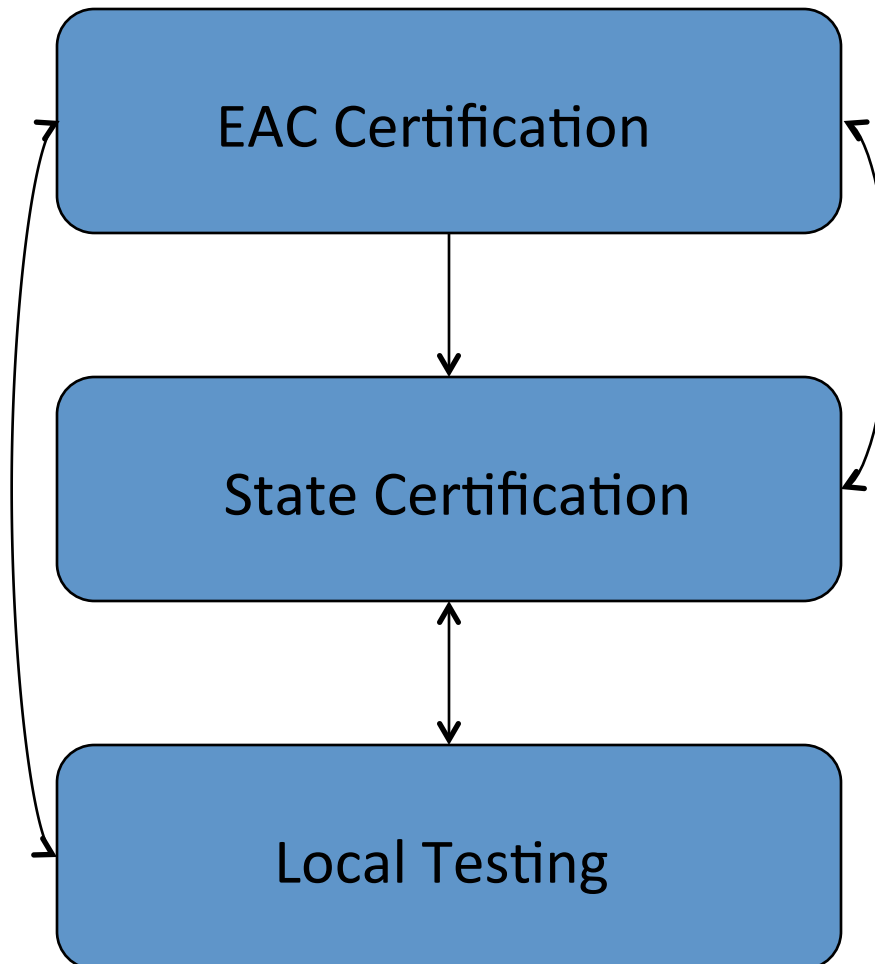
Innovation is Happening

- Modernizing in other areas of elections:
  - Ballot delivery systems
  - COTS based systems
  - Online registration
  - Ballot-on-demand
  - Election night reporting
  - Electronic Pollbooks
- States looking at how to evaluate emerging tech
  - EAC does not test and certify
  - E-pollbook requirements/RFP's

Future VVSG Goals

1. The purpose and scope of the VVSG must be defined and confirmed.

2. The VVSG (and supporting process) must be consistent with Federal statute and rule.

3. The VVSG must reflect the bottom-up reality of election administration by incorporating common State requirements to inform future VVSG development.

4. The application of the VVSG must benefit election administration.

5. The VVSG must be implementable.

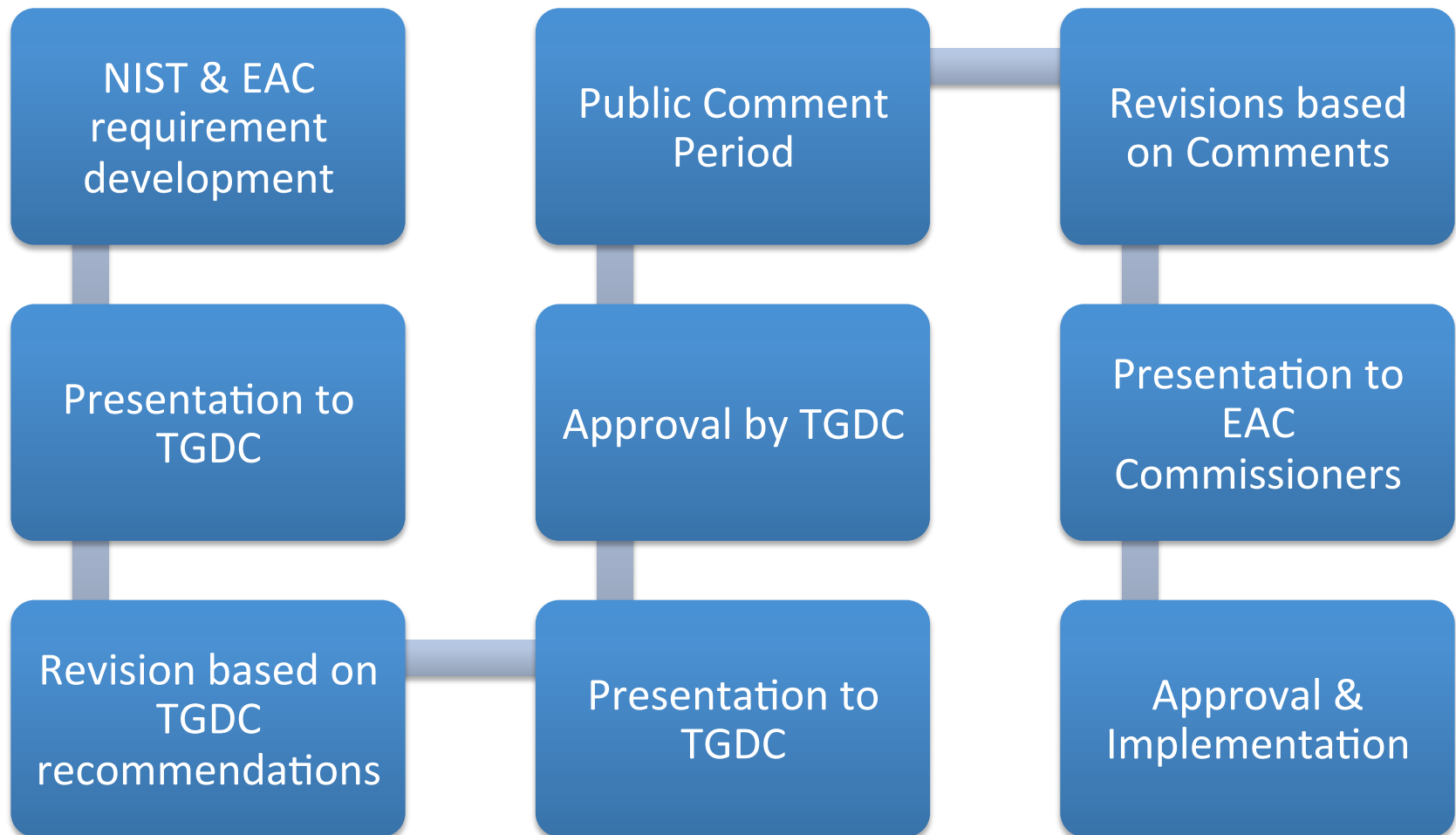6. The VVSG should accommodate the interoperability of election systems.

Future VVSG Goals

7. The VVSG should permit jurisdictional options by incorporating a planned transition between Standards in a measured and predictable manner.

8. The VVSG should not impose unanticipated costs onto organizations.

9. The VVSG must include a cost analysis estimate of conformance testing to the standard.

10. The VVSG requirements should be performance based and technology neutral.

11. The VVSG should allow maximum flexibility to incorporate new/revised requirements including those from other Standards setting bodies.

12. The VVSG should be accompanied by education and outreach efforts to the election community.

Former VVSG Development Process

NIST & EAC requirement development

Public Comment Period

Revisions based on Comments

Presentation to TGDC

Approval by TGDC

Presentation to EAC Commissioners

Revision based on TGDC recommendations

Presentation to TGDC

Approval & Implementation

Current VVSG Development Process

Constituency Groups

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Public Working Groups

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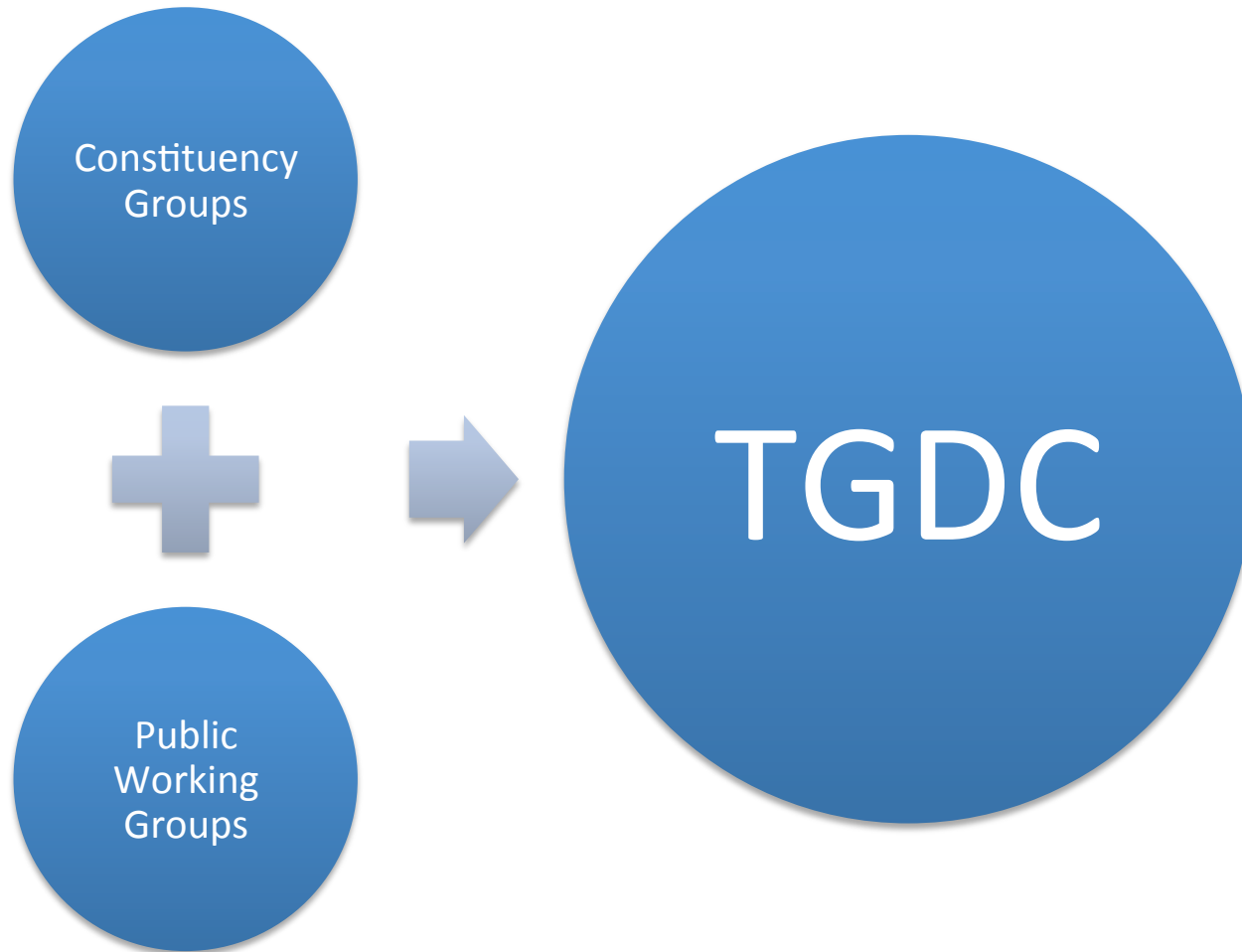
TGDC

Current VVSG Development Process

TGDC develops VVSG from working group & constituency group data

Approves document & submits it to EAC Commissioners

EAC Commissioners approve & set implementation plan for VVSG

TGDC Update

- voting@nist.gov
- TGDC Meeting February 8-9 2016
- Working groups
- Stay tuned & get involved!

Managing Election Tech

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1335 East-West Highway Ste. 4300 Silver Spring, MD 20910

Managing Election Technology Series: #3

Considerations for Implementing Voting Systems with COTS Products

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Managing Election Technology Series #1

Ten Things to Know About Selecting a Voting System

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10 Things to Know About Managing Aging Voting Systems
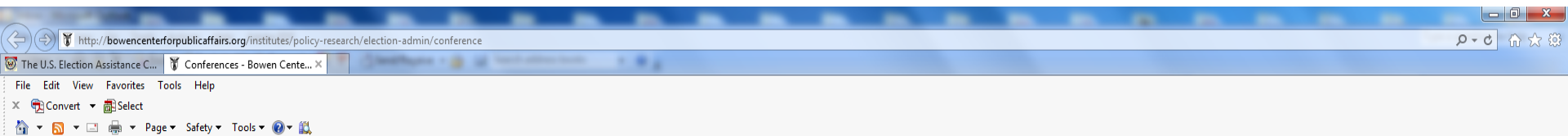
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State Certification Meeting
June 20-21, Cambridge, MA

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STATE CERTIFICATION TESTING OF VOTING SYSTEMS

NATIONAL CONFERENCES

Since 2011, election administrators, voting system certification specialists, testing laboratory professionals, and members of the U.S. Election Assistance Commission have gathered annually to discuss ways to improve the reliability of voting systems in order to uphold the integrity of the vote for the American electorate. The first (2011) conference was hosted by Center for Election Systems at Kennesaw State University. In 2012, VSTOP hosted the conference in Indianapolis where election officials were greeted by the Indiana Secretary of State. Other locations where conferences have occurred include Harrisburg, Pennsylvania; Denver, Colorado; and Seattle, Washington. The 2016 Conference will be held in Cambridge, Massachusetts. Here is the link to the registration site for the New England Conference 2016.

Registration for New England Conference 2016

Past Conferences:

Seattle Conference 2015
Denver Conference 2014
Harrisburg Conference 2013
Indiana Conference 2012
Kennesaw Conference 2011

QUICK LINKS

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- **What can YOU do?**
- **Dance like....**
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- **Questions**