

DIRECTIVE 2008-02
January 4, 2008

To: ALL COUNTY BOARDS OF ELECTIONS
Re: Required Board Meeting – Voting System Questions

The Secretary of State's office is gathering information from boards of elections as a result of the "Report of Findings" produced from Project EVEREST. This information is necessary pursuant to R.C. 3501.05 (L) for the Secretary to provide information to the Governor, the General Assembly and members of Congress to develop responsive state policy and its' implementation regarding voting system(s) that will best meet the needs of Ohio's voters for fair and accurate elections.

Each county board of elections member must answer the attached two survey questions that relate to his or her county's voting system (DRE or Optical Scan). Each board member should complete this short survey independently and not in consultation with the director or deputy director or fellow board members. Board member's name and name of county is required to ensure we have achieved compliance with this Directive for an accurate and complete representation of the various counties of the state.

Each county board of elections director and deputy director must jointly complete the attached Estimated Operating Expenses and selected inventory/equipment survey pertaining to the 2008 Elections. The requested cost estimates are not comprehensive, but relevant to specific expenses related to particular voting system expenses. Director's and deputy director's names and name of county are required to ensure we have achieved compliance with this Directive for an accurate and complete representation of the various counties of the state.

Responses to the survey questions should be received by the Secretary of State's office no later than **January 24, 2008**, with responses to be sent to Denise Sherrod via:

U.S. Mail: P. O. Box 2828
Columbus, OH 43216
Fax: 614-752-4360
Email: dsherrod@sos.state.oh.us

The EVEREST Report of Findings is still available online on the Secretary of State's web site at: <http://www.sos.state.oh.us/sos/info/everest.aspx>. If you have any questions concerning this Directive, please contact David Farrell, Elections Director or Pat Wolfe, Elections Administrator at 614-466-2585 or via email. Thank you for your assistance.

Sincerely,

Jennifer Brunner

Board Of Elections Member Survey

For counties using DRE voting machines

Each county board of elections member shall complete the attached survey questions that pertain to his or her county's voting system. Each board member should complete the survey independently and not in consultation with the director or deputy director or fellow board members. Board member's name and name of county is required to ensure compliance with this Directive. Please feel welcome to add additional pages if needed.

Name: _____ County: _____
(required) (required)

Do you have concerns as a result of the findings of the Secretary of State's EVEREST voting machine study about the security and performance of your county's DRE voting machine system? Please feel free to elaborate or further explain.

If funding is available (to cover costs that would be in excess of currently budgeted amounts) to pay for your county to change its voting system, including purchase of voting and/or tabulating equipment, ballot printing, ballot boxes, additional election and poll workers needed, public education and any post-election procedures to verify the vote count, do you wish to switch to a central count and/or precinct-based optical scan voting system for the November 2008 election? Please list the reasons why or why not.

Please list any other thoughts regarding Project EVEREST you would like to share.

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Board Of Elections Member Survey

For counties currently using optical scan voting machines

Each county board of elections member shall complete the attached survey questions that pertain to his or her county's voting system. Each board member should complete the survey independently and not in consultation with the director or deputy director or fellow board members. Board member's name and name of county is required to ensure compliance with this Directive. Please feel welcome to add additional pages if needed.

Name: _____ County: _____
(required) (required)

Do you have concerns as a result of the findings of the Secretary of State's EVEREST voting machine study about the security and performance of your county's optical scan system? Please feel free to elaborate or further explain.

Do you wish to change your county's voting system in any way for the November 2008 election, e.g. to central count rather than precinct based optical scan, to larger polling places, early voting, or other changes, if the cost of these changes would be funded? Please feel free to elaborate or further explain.

If yes, what changes would you advocate and why?

Please list any other thoughts regarding Project EVEREST you would like to share.

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Board Of Elections Director/Deputy Director Survey

Of Estimated Operating Expenses for the 2008 Elections And Selected Inventory/Equipment

*Each county board of elections director and deputy director shall jointly complete the attached Estimated Operating Expenses survey relating to the 2008 Elections. Requested cost estimates are needed for specific budget line items or expenses. Director and deputy director's names and name of county are required to ensure compliance with this Directive. In addition, inventory/equipment information is also required. **

Name: _____ County: _____
(required) Director (required)

Name: _____ County: _____
(required) Deputy Director (required)

Check type of voting system: _____ DRE _____ Optical Scan Manufacturer _____

Are these estimates based on the final county commission approved funding levels for 2008? (If not please denote whether the amounts are requested but not final, or other circumstance**).

2008 Estimated Cost of:	Primary	General	Special
Pollworkers	\$_____	\$_____	\$_____
Presiding Judges	\$_____	\$_____	\$_____
Pollworker Training	\$_____	\$_____	\$_____
Ballot Printing	\$_____	\$_____	\$_____
Absentee Ballot Mailing/Postage	\$_____	\$_____	\$_____
Polling Location Space Rental	\$_____	\$_____	\$_____
Equipment Maintenance/Service Contracts	\$_____	\$_____	\$_____
Polling Place Supplies (e.g. ballot boxes, voting booths, etc.)	\$_____	\$_____	\$_____
Purchase of Voting or Tabulating Equipment*	\$_____	\$_____	\$_____

* Detail the Number of and Types of Voting or Tabulating Equipment Planned to be Purchased in 2008.

Board Of Elections Director/Deputy Director Survey

Of Estimated Operating Expenses for the 2008 Elections

And Selected Inventory/Equipment

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Selected Inventory/Equipment

Indicate the number of each item of equipment the county currently has in its inventory, denoting the number bought with HAVA funds and the number bought with County funds.

	<u>Number</u>	<u>How Purchased</u>
M650 High Speed Optical Scanners	_____	<u>HAVA</u>
M650 High Speed Optical Scanners	_____	<u>County</u>
Standard speed optical scanner	_____	<u>HAVA</u>
Standard speed optical scanner	_____	<u>County</u>
Ballot boxes (with optical scanner)	_____	<u>HAVA</u>
Ballot boxes (with optical scanner)	_____	<u>County</u>
Ballot boxes (other, metal, etc.)	_____	<u>County</u>
AutoMarks	_____	<u>HAVA</u>
AutoMarks	_____	<u>County</u>
Privacy booths	_____	<u>County</u>

**Additional explanations (if needed).