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Electronic Transmission Service: Reminders for Users

The Federal Voting Assistance Program's Electronic Transmission Service, ETS, enables local election officials to transmit and receive election materials, as permitted by state law, via fax or email to and from Uniformed Services members, their family members, and all overseas citizens at no cost.

If allowed by your state, you may fax materials to ETS for conversion to email if the voter does not have a fax machine available but can send and receive voting materials by email. If you would like to do this, please check with your state election office first to make sure it is allowed. Also, when sending materials via email, we recommend you send them directly to the citizen to prevent any delays.

When faxing or emailing voting materials, please remember not to combine multiple citizens' information in one fax or email in order to ensure that all the voting materials are sent correctly to individual voters. By sending each citizen's materials separately with separate cover sheets, ETS can forward each complete package to the correct destination. ETS will only forward materials to the first transmission sheet in the package.

For technical support, please call 1-800-966-8683. When calling for support, please have available the citizen's name, when you sent the transmission and the email address of the citizen if you were having the materials converted from fax to email. Please do not send technical support questions to ets@fvap.ncr.gov, as this email address is only for the forwarding of voting materials.

For more information on ETS, we have a complete electronic transmission manual for Election Officials on our website. The manual contains the processes available to you via ETS and is available in both Adobe Acrobat, www.fvap.gov/resources/media/etsmanualforleos.pdf, and Rich Text Formats, www.fvap.gov/resources/media/etsmanualforleos.rtf. Please note: the name for the manual has changed.



Visit Our Website

Have you checked out the local election official section on our website? Go to www.fvap.gov and select "Resources for Election Officials." Not only can you find more information about ETS, there are resources about communicating with voters, mail guidelines, and much, much more.

2008 FVAP Post Election Survey: There's Still Time

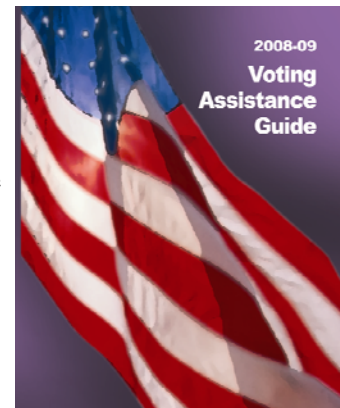
If you have received a survey, there's still time to complete it online or return it by mail. Remember: this survey is different than the Election Day survey conducted by the United States Election Assistance Commission. If your jurisdiction was selected to take the FVAP uniformed and overseas absentee voting survey, you should have received it in the mail. Our survey is a key tool to help us improve the absentee voting process for all parties involved. With your input, we can better address any concerns you may have. We greatly appreciate your help in this effort.

Still have questions about the survey? Please feel free to contact Ms. Erin St. Pierre by phone at 1-800-438-8683 or by email at vote@fvap.ncr.gov.

Happy Holidays from FVAP!

New Voting Assistance Guide

We will soon begin developing and coordinating the *2010-11 Voting Assistance Guide*. Since the purpose of the *Guide* is to communicate your state's requirements to military and overseas voters, please send any comments or suggestions you may have for our upcoming publication to vote@fvap.ncr.gov with "VAG" in the subject line. You can view your state pages of our current *Guide* on our website at www.fvap.gov. With your input, we can create a new, improved, and easier to use *Guide* for all individuals voting absentee and helping others to vote.



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