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Introduction
Thank you everyone for being here today.

Testing and Certification
- We are reviewing comments received about our draft UOCAVA Pilot Program Testing Requirements and Manual.
  - After the review is complete, the final requirements and manual will be presented to the commissioners during a public meeting.
  - The public is invited to view the comments on our Web site.
- In other news:
  - We submitted a required report to Congress on our progress to establish guidelines for remote electronic absentee voting systems.
  - We approved the voting system testing application package for Dominion Democracy Suite 4.0 system.
  - We issued a decision on temperature power variation, which pertains to the voting system testing process.
  - We also issued two decisions on coding conventions.
  - We posted information regarding de minimis changes for the EAC-certified ES&S Unity 3.2.0.0.
  - And finally, we'll be holding a meeting of our Technical Guidelines Development Committee July 8-9 at NIST in Gaithersburg, Maryland.

State Voting System Reports
We've added three new reports to our collection of state voting system reports. The state of Connecticut submitted the reports, which deal with pre and post-election audits for the November 2009 elections.

Grants

- We recently announced a $500,000 grant to improve voting accessibility for recently injured military personnel.
  - We extended the application deadline to July 28, 2010.
  - Information about the grant is posted on our Web site.
- We recently announced the winners of the 2010 Help America Vote Mock Election Program and the HAVA College Program.
  - We're very excited that our funding of mock election programs this year will help educate 850,000 students about the electoral process.
  - As most of you know, the College Program supports efforts to recruit college students to serve as poll workers.
  - Election officials are always looking for qualified poll workers so programs like these are very important.

Requirements Payments
- We received seven comments on our draft Maintenance of Expenditure policy and have posted them to our site. We'll be hearing more about them later today, along with other testimony from the public.
- Since our last meeting, we've disbursed nearly $7 million in requirements payments. Payments went to 10 states:
  - Arkansas received $647,217 for 2010
  - Idaho $350,000 for 2010
  - Minnesota $1,169,637 for 2010
  - Montana $350,000 for 2010
  - Nevada $694,006 for 2009
  - North Dakota $350,000 for 2010
  - Rhode Island $350,000 for 2010
  - South Carolina $968,829 for 2010
  - West Virginia $755,964 for 2008 and $657,360 for 2009, and
  - Wyoming $575,000 for 2008.
- This brings the total amount of disbursed payments to $81.2 million for 2008, $53.3 million for 2009, and $10.8 million for 2010.

Funding Advisory Opinions
- The commission recently issued four new funding advisory opinions:
  - FAO-09-005 (MT) related to post-election audits

- FAO-10-001 (OR) regarding purchase of closed-circuit surveillance cameras
- FAO-10-002 (TN) concerning purchase of paper ballots, and
- FAO-10-003 (NY) regarding purchase of a van for voter education and training activities related to voting systems.

Election Management Resources

- As part of our accessibility work under HAVA, we recently published voter guides in Cherokee, Dakota, Navajo and Yup'ik [**yoo**-pik], the most commonly spoken Native American and Alaska Native languages in the U.S.
  - We've also translated our voter guides into Spanish and five Asian languages.
  - If you would like copies please call Marcy Reedy at (202) 566-3100. They are also available on our site.
- Our Advisory Boards recently commented on the draft Recounts and Contests study, and
- The Standards Board commented on three new Election Management Guidelines Chapters on technology in elections, elections office administration, and accessibility.
- All comments from virtual meetings are archived on our Web site – we're in the midst of moving these comments from the old site to the new site, and they will be available shortly.

Research

- We recently posted a new guide to the Election Administration and Voting Survey.
  - The purpose of the guide is to provide information to election officials responsible for completing the EAC Election Administration and Voting Survey.
  - It explains the processes and procedures associated with a state's submission, review, and correction of the survey data.

Tally Votes

The commission certified 11 tally votes since our April public meeting:

- Submission of Proposed Privacy Policy Statement for Public Notice and Comment
- Recipients of the 2010 Help America Vote Mock Election Program
- Debarment And Suspension Regulations for Public Comment

- Recommendation to Re-Accredit Wyle Laboratories
- Federal Register Notice for Change of Address
- 2010 Voting Technology and Accessibility Research - Military Heroes Initiative
- The four Funding Advisory Opinions that I recounted in the earlier part of this report.
- The adoption of the final guide to the Election Administration and Voting Survey,
- The 2010 Help America Vote College Program grant recipients, and
- The appointment of our Chief Information Officer, Mohammed Maeruf.

Other News
- EAC recently co-hosted the Seventh Inter-American Meeting of Electoral Management Bodies with the Federal Election Commission and the Organization of American States.
    - The purpose of the meeting was to bring together top election officials from throughout the Americas to exchange knowledge and ideas to strengthen the democratic elections process in each of the member states
    - It was a terrific meeting, and we learned a great deal from officials from throughout the southern hemisphere.
- And lastly, we recently launched our new Web site, which has many new features and upgrades. The feedback we've received on it has been very positive. We will continue to make incremental improvements and encourage our stakeholders to use the new tools on the site to receive updates and share feedback with us.