



United States
Election Assistance Commission

*2010 Logic & Accuracy and Post-Election
Audit Grant*



Overview

Approximately \$2,000,000 available to develop and document processes and best practices for coordinating quality and cost-effective:

- A. Voting system pre-election logic and accuracy testing
- B. Post-election audits.

The funding will be divided approximately evenly between the two areas covered by this initiative.



Award Eligibility

To be eligible for an award, an applicant must be one of the following:

- 1) a state or local unit of government,
- 2) a nonprofit organization, or an institution of higher education, that meets specific eligibility, in partnership with a State or a local unit of government responsible for administering election jurisdictions. Note that the State or the local unit of government will be the lead applicant and actual recipient of the grant.

For-profit entities partnering with an eligible applicant are eligible as partners or sub-recipients of the eligible applicant.



Application Information

- Applicants should use the published EAC glossaries of key election terminology to reference existing terminology, and propose definitions of new terminology for EAC consideration.
http://www.eac.gov/election_management_resources/glossaries_of_election_terminology.aspx
- Applicants must indicate in the title of their application if they are applying for funds for pre-election L&A testing or post-election audits or a combination of the two. Applicants should also indicate early in their application narrative if their project's primary focus is on demonstrating current effective practices, or on research and piloting new or alternative practices, tools and techniques.



Selecting Primary Focus

Applicants may propose:

- 1) the further development and documentation of existing tools and processes;
- 2) focus on developing and piloting new or alternative processes, policies and procedures that will advance our understanding of reliable, cost-effective methods for testing and verifying voting systems.

Proposals regarding existing tools and processes will have a 12 month timeline, while research proposals will have a 24 month timeline.



Types of Applications

	Logic & Accuracy Testing	Post-Election Audits
12 month	Documenting high-quality, practices currently in place	Documenting high quality, effective policies, practices and procedures currently in use
24 month	Piloting new or alternative methods that are not yet in use	Piloting new or alternative methods that are not currently being used, or used in a limited fashion

*Hybrid or blended applications are also accepted.



L&A Focus

This part of the initiative calls for short and long-term solutions to provide the election communities with processes, tools, best practices, and recommendations on pre-election L&A testing of election systems

Applicants can apply for:

- 1) demonstration grants focused on documenting high-quality, effective policies, practices and procedures that are currently in use; or
- 2) grants focused on piloting new or alternative methods that are not yet in use, or used in a limited fashion by election officials.



Audit Focus

This part of the initiative calls for short and long-term solutions to provide election communities with processes, tools, best practices, and recommendations on the post-election auditing of election systems.

Applicants can apply for:

- 1) demonstration grants focused on documenting high-quality, effective policies, practices and procedures that are currently in use; or
- 2) piloting new or alternative methods that are not currently being used, or used in a limited fashion by election officials.



Hybrid Submissions

Applicants may submit blended proposals that focus on both A) pre-election L&A testing and B) post-election audits; however, the award funding amount for blended programs is capped as described in Section II. As such, programs should take care to develop proposals whose scope can be realistically met by the amount of funds made available.



Key Points

- With election practices, laws, administrative structures and voting systems varying widely, no single model for testing and audits is best for all jurisdictions. Nonetheless, there are general processes that can generically be applied to **multiple states/jurisdictions, and tailored to the size, location and equipment configuration of a jurisdiction.**
- Dissemination Efforts
- Budget/Cost Effectiveness
- 15 to 20 Anticipated Awards



Maximum Award Amounts

- State Governments: \$230,000
- Local Government Entities:
 - Voting population 1 million and over: \$125,000 *
 - Voting population 500,001 and over: \$50,000 *
 - Voting population 250,001 to 500,000: \$35,000 *
 - Voting population up to 250,000: \$25,000 *

** Please use 2010 Voter Registration Data*



Grant Outcomes

Deliverables for the competition must include materials (e.g. tool kits; documented processes and best practices; recommendations) that will be shared widely with election officials and other interested parties.



Application Tips

- Read the funding notice carefully
- Organize the application according to the funding notice (page 15-17)
- Review limits on application length: 3,000 characters for Project Abstract; 25,000 characters for Program Design, Organizational Capability and Budget/cost effectiveness (page 15 & 16)
- Review the Selection Criteria (page 12)



Successful Applications

- Well-defined partnerships, if applicable
- Clearly defined strategy, goals, and deliverables
- Result in programs that work across multiple jurisdictions (preferable)
- Cost effective approach to the problem



Submission Deadlines

- The deadline for receipt of applications is **5:00 p.m. Eastern Standard Time on February 15, 2011.**
- Applicants should send an e-mail to HVAfunding@eac.gov by **January 17, 2011** stating your organization's **intent to apply**. This optional notice of intent will help EAC better plan the review of applications.

**Please indicate the research focus in the Intent to Apply email – L&A, Audit or hybrid*



Funding Timeline

- February 15, 2011 submission
- Anticipated 6-8 week period for review
- Anticipated selection of grant recipients in April 2011



Further Information

More information available at www.eac.gov and
www.grants.gov

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