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2008 Post– Election Survey

Each presidential election year, FVAP conducts a post-election survey as required by the *Uniformed and Overseas Citizens Absentee Voting Act*. Our survey helps us determine voter participation among military and overseas absentee voters. It also helps us evaluate and improve our program and better assist state and local election officials with the ultimate goal of improving success for military and overseas voters.

Local election officials of various jurisdictions, ranging in size, from each state have already been randomly selected to participate in the November survey. This survey is not the same as the Election Day survey conducted by the United States Election Assistance Commission. The EAC data collection is submitted by the state and includes information on many election topics from all jurisdictions.

If your jurisdiction was selected to take the FVAP uniformed and overseas absentee voting survey, you should have received a pre-notification letter. This letter included the information requested on the survey so that numbers could be tracked over the course of the election year. Questions on the

survey include topics such as: the number of Voter Registration/ Absentee Ballot Request Forms (Federal Post Card Applications) you received, the number of ballots you issued, instances you encountered where ballots could not be counted, and the number of Federal Write In Absentee Ballots you received and counted.

Information for Participants:

To make tracking information easier for you, a data collection spreadsheet is available on our website at www.fvap.gov under the heading “Local Election Official Information.” Use of the tracking spreadsheet form during the run-up to the general election will greatly decrease completion time of the 2008 Local Election Official Post-Election Voting Survey after the election.

If contacted to take the survey, we strongly encourage you to submit your feedback. Your responses will play a very important role in improving the absentee voting process for military and overseas absentee voters.

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Have questions about the data collection spreadsheet, survey, or how to maintain your data leading up to November 4th?

Contact Ms. Erin E. St. Pierre at 1-800-438-8683 or vote@fvap.ncr.gov. She'll be able to answer all your survey questions.

Post-Election Survey: Frequently Asked Questions

◆ Why should I participate in the 2008 Post-Election Survey?

We use your input to shape the absentee voting program in ways that directly affect you. This is your opportunity to inform Federal policy officials of your views regarding the absentee voting process and your experience in assisting uniformed service members and overseas citizens during the 2008 election cycle.

◆ How did you pick my county?

We used well-established, statistically-based procedures to select a sample set that represents the election official community. The sample is set up by county, parish, town, city, or jurisdiction population size. Counties were randomly selected to provide as wide a range of views as possible - from large to small. We want to understand the process used by uniformed and overseas citizens in all jurisdictions across the country.

◆ What elections does the survey cover?

The post election survey is meant to examine the absentee voting process for the 2008 Presidential Election; however, please keep in mind that the Federal Post Card Application is good for two Federal election cycles (or up to four years).

◆ Will I ever see the results of the survey and report?

The survey's results will be used to complete the Federal Voting Assistance Program's Post Election Report to Congress and the President. The Executive Summary will be available online at www.fvap.gov.

◆ Will the survey be available online?

Yes, the survey will be available online. The survey will be mailed out to all selected local election officials, and it will also be emailed to those officials with available email addresses. In the official packet, there will be a letter with a ticket number and the web address where you can access the survey online.

Thank you very much for your participation and helping us better serve you!

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