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Ms. Ann McGeehan
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Office of the Secretary of State
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RE: Examination of Hart Intercivic voting systems

Dear Ms. McGeehan:

I attended a scheduled re-examination on May 27, 2004, at 8:30 a.m., for the purpose of examining the voting system from Hart Intercivic. The report below summarizes my findings.

Voting Systems Versions

Hardware/Software Version	Date Previously Certified
Ballot Origination Software System v3.4.0	December 10, 2003
Ballot now: Paper Ballots v2.3.0	December 10, 2003
eSlate v2.0.13	December 10, 2003
Judges Booth Controller v2.2.1	December 10, 2003
Tally, version 3.2.0	December 10, 2003
Rally, version 1.2.0	December 10, 2003

System description

The system evaluated at this examination is functionally identical to the system Hart presented in December 2003. There are few significant changes in the operation of any part of the system. Most changes were cosmetic.

The vendor demonstrated a solution that addresses the issue of provisional ballot counting that was mentioned in the previous certification review. The tally of votes at the precinct now does not include provisional votes in the totals, but does count the total number of ballots cast.

The vendor noted that once the memory card is inserted into the Judge's Booth Controller (JBC) the memory card the JBC serial number is written into the card and the card's serial number is written to the JBC so they cannot be used separately. Hence if a JBC has a problem during the election, it must be taken offline and the JBC and its memory card must be quarantined until after the election.

The vendor also noted that new security provisions are in development and will be demonstrated at the next examination.

The complete system was tested and appeared to fulfill all requirements as outlined by the Secretary of State.

Recommendations

The Department of Information Resources (DIR) has no objections for certification of the system as presented at this examination.

Respectfully,

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Nick Osborn
Systems Analyst

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