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**DATE:** November 28, 2011

**TO:** Wisconsin County Clerks  
Milwaukee County Election Commission

**FROM:** Nathaniel E. Robinson  
Elections Division Administrator  
Government Accountability Board

**SUBJECT:** Request Regarding Estimated Costs of a 2012 Statewide Recall Election  
Requested Information Due by: Friday, December 9, 2011

I am writing to request your assistance in fulfilling a request for information. The Government Accountability Board (G.A.B.) received a formal request from a member of the Wisconsin State Legislature to provide estimated cost of a 2012 statewide recall election. As many of you are aware, a similar request was made of the Government Accountability Board which asked for the cost of the 2011 July and August Recall Elections. Those of you who participated, we appreciate your cooperation in providing information for responding to that request.

Details of the Request of Estimated Costs of a 2012 Statewide Recall Election: Since the Government Accountability Board does not collect data on the cost of conducting elections, we are asking you to assist in collecting the most accurate assessment as to how much you estimate your county will likely pay for a possible statewide 2012 recall election. As a basis for determining the most accurate estimate, we suggest that you use the actual costs accrued by your office during November 2, 2010 General Election, and the April 5, 2011 Spring Election. So that we are as complete and as accurate in our response to the legislative request, we ask you to breakdown the costs in accordance with the following cost centers:

- Cost of Printing and Publishing the Notices
- Cost of Absentee ballot Preparation, including Postage
- Costs of Ballot Bags and Security Seals
- Costs of Printing Poll Lists/Books
- Costs of Printing Ballots
- Costs of Obtaining Memory Devices for Electronic Voting Equipment
- Costs of Staffs' Time
- Cost of Wages for Canvass Board
- Cost of Extemporaneous Requirements not Enumerated in the Categories Above (Please Specify)

Note that we are making a similar request directly to municipal clerks.

A Quick and Easy Way to Provide Information on Estimated Costs of a Statewide Recall Election: In order to facilitate the collection of the estimated cost information for a statewide recall election, for your convenience, we have created a web portal to allow you to enter the data. The sample and instructions are summarized on the third page.

Requested Due Date/G.A.B. Contact Person: Please provide all responses by the close of business on **Friday, December 9, 2011**. We appreciate your usual corporation and assistance in helping us to fulfill this legislative request on such short notice. Should you have questions, please contact Aaron Frailing at (608) 267-7891, or via email at [gabrecallcost@wi.gov](mailto:gabrecallcost@wi.gov). Thank you.

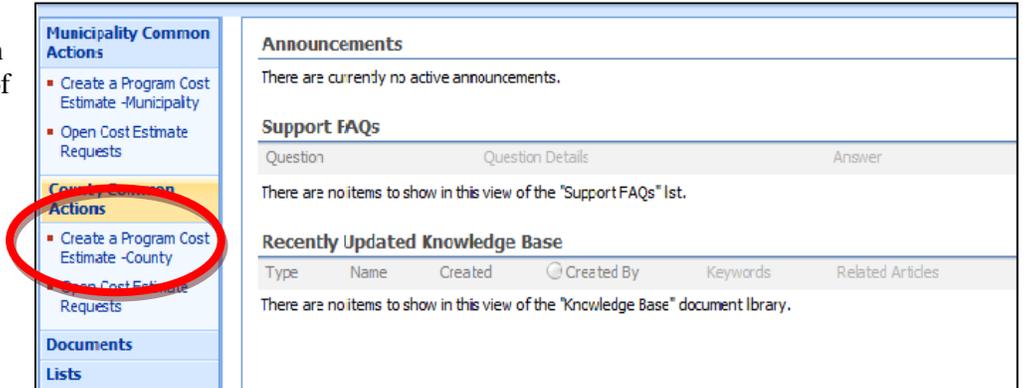
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Method for Providing/Submitting Information on the  
 Estimated Costs of a 2012 Statewide Recall Election

In order to facilitate the collection of the estimated cost information for a statewide recall election, for your convenience, we have created a web portal to allow you to enter the data. The sample and instructions are summarized below, please follow the following simple steps.

1. Enter the following url into any web browser - <http://wisapps.wi.gov/sites/GAB/CostCenter/default.aspx>

2. Once the webpage has opened, click on the link on the left of the screen entitled "Create a Program Cost Estimate – County."



3. Once the form has opened, enter the name of the county into the "County" field.

4. Please enter the cost for each of the applicable cost centers.



*If there is any data inputted for the Cost Center "Cost of Extemporaneous requirements not enumerated in the categories above," please specify what these costs are in the details field.*

Print Notices	<input type="text"/>	Cost of printing and publishing the notices
Absentee	<input type="text"/>	Cost of Absentee ballot Preparation,including Postage
Ballot Bags	<input type="text"/>	Cost of ballot bags and security seals
Print Poll Books	<input type="text"/>	Cost of printing poll lists/books
Print Ballots	<input type="text"/>	Cost of printing ballots
Obtaining Memory Devices for Electronic Voting Equipment	<input type="text"/>	Cost of Obtaining Memory Devices for Electronic Voting
Staff	<input type="text"/>	Cost of staffs' time
Program Electronic Voting Equipment	<input type="text"/>	Cost of programming Electronic Voting Equipment
Wages	<input type="text"/>	Cost of Wages for Canvass Board Board
MISC	<input type="text"/>	Cost of Extemporaneous requirements not enumerated in the categories above (please specify)

5. Once you have entered

the information press the “OK” button at the top or bottom of the screen.

Thank you!