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TO: Wisconsin Municipal Clerks
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SUBJECT: A Canvass Reporting System (CRS) Announcement
(CRS' Capacity for Election Night Reporting)

We are pleased to share with all county and municipal clerks some updates to the Canvass Reporting System (CRS) that have proven to be successful tools for reporting unofficial results on Election Night. For the past three elections the G.A.B. worked with Waukesha County to develop a reliable process for reporting Election Night results. The new process has worked well for Waukesha County, so we are offering it to municipal and county clerks for your respective consideration for using CRS for reporting unofficial results on Election Night.

Please note this enhanced CRS service is being shared with you strictly for your consideration and discretion only. We hope you will find it useful.

- A key change in CRS was the update to the Canvass Report – GAB 106. The report was updated to allow the county clerks to print or export the report periodically as results come in during the evening. The report now identifies the reporting unit where results have not yet been reported and provides a summary at the end of percentage of total reporting units that have submitted results by contest. The new report gives a clear picture of status of the unofficial results as they are reported by municipalities on Election Night.
- The Canvass Municipality Report – GAB 106 was created. This report can be used by municipalities to report results for just their municipality. In Waukesha County, for example, municipalities now enter results directly into CRS on Election Night. The municipalities then print the Canvass Municipality Report – GAB 106 and the Election Night Call-In Sheet (Worksheet with Totals), compare the numbers in the reports and forward a signed copy of the Election Night Call-Ins Sheet (Worksheet with Totals) to the county to confirm that all of the results have been entered.
- A special website has been developed for accessing CRS <https://canvass.gab.wi.gov/>. This website gives clerks who do not use the Statewide Voter Registration System (SVRS) access to enter municipal canvass results. The website also simplifies the process for printing and exporting reports out of CRS.

For more detailed instructions on using CRS for reporting unofficial election night results, please consult SVRS training manual posted on the G.A.B. website at <http://gab.wi.gov/clerks/education-training/svrs-manual>. You may also contact Ann Oberle at (608) 264-6764, or Ann.Oberle@wi.gov. Thanks!