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SUBJECT: New Elections Cost Reports Now Available Online

In response to discussions with the Task Force on Clerks Workload Concerns, the Government Accountability Board and Staff have made some changes to election cost reporting procedures. Thank you to all of the clerks who provided valuable input into the initial design and feedback on the draft versions of the GAB-191 Election-Specific Cost Report and the GAB-192 Annual Election Costs Report. We firmly believe that involving clerks throughout any change process produces the best results, and this is an excellent example of quality results produced by continuous clerk involvement.

These new forms are now posted on the G.A.B. website, along with the new statistics reports (GAB-190F for federal elections and the GAB-190NF for non-federal elections), so that you can access these forms at your convenience and that they are available for distribution with other election materials. The GAB-191 Election-Specific Cost Report (<http://gab.wi.gov/forms/gab-191>) is now only required to be completed and entered into WEDCS within 60 days of each Spring Election in April and within 60 days of each General Election in November. The GAB-192 Annual Elections Cost Report (<http://gab.wi.gov/forms/gab-192>) is required to be completed and entered into WEDCS by January 31st for the preceding calendar year. The first time clerks will need to complete this report is by January 31, 2015 for the 2014 calendar year. The GAB-192 should include all election-related costs that are not reported on a GAB-191 for a Spring Election or a Presidential/General Election.

As a reminder, the GAB-190 Election Voting and Registration Statistics Report, GAB-190F (<http://gab.wi.gov/forms/gab-190-federal>) or GAB-190NF (<http://gab.wi.gov/forms/gab-190-non-federal>) depending on the election, are required to be completed and entered into WEDCS within 30 days of any election where there is a federal or state office or a statewide referendum on the ballot.

If you have any additional questions about the new reports or WEDCS, please contact the G.A.B. Help Desk at GABHelpDesk@wi.gov, or (608) 261-2028.