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TO: Wisconsin County Clerks
Milwaukee County Election Commission
Wisconsin Municipal Clerks
City of Milwaukee Election Commission Members

FROM: Michael Haas, Elections Division Administrator

SUBJECT: Thank you for Participating in the 2015 Electronic Poll Book Survey

On behalf of Director Kennedy and the Government Accountability Board, we wish to extend our thanks to Municipal and County Clerks for participating in the 2015 Electronic Poll Book Survey. More than 800 clerks from all across the state responded to the survey. This was a key component to the credibility of the survey as our Board was particularly interested in knowing if support for the option of using electronic poll books was significantly widespread.

After a presentation of the survey results at the September 1 Board meeting, the Board directed G.A.B. staff to proceed with the development of standards for approval of electronic poll books in Wisconsin. We hope that you will have an opportunity to review the attached memo outlining the results of the survey.

The Board will consider approval of the proposed standards at its meeting on October 20. If the standards are approved, Board staff expects the next step to be developing a pilot project involving a limited number of interested municipalities to implement electronic poll books during the 2016 Spring Election. Board staff anticipates the pilot program will help us further refine the standards, clarify procedures, and identify areas that would benefit from legislative attention.

We would again like to thank you for your time and attention regarding this important issue and we look forward to continued collaboration with Municipal and County Clerks as we move forward with the development of standards for approval of electronic poll books. If you have any comments or questions, please contact David Buerger at David.Buerger@wi.gov or Jennifer Webb at Jennifer.Webb@wi.gov.