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MEMORANDUM

DATE: September 12, 2014

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

FROM: Michael Haas
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SUBJECT: G.A.B. Approves Election Systems and Software (ES&S) EVS 5.2.0.0 and EVS 5.3.0.0 Electronic Voting Systems

On September 4, 2014, the Wisconsin Government Accountability Board (Board) approved ES&S EVS 5.2.0.0 and EVS 5.3.0.0 voting systems for sale and use in the State of Wisconsin. No electronic voting equipment may be offered for sale or utilized in Wisconsin unless the Board first approves it. The following provides a brief description of the voting system approved for use in Wisconsin:

A. EVS 5.2.0.0

EVS 5.2.0.0 is a federally tested and certified paper based, digital scan voting system powered by the ElectionWare software platform. It consists of six major components: an election management system (EMS) server; an EMS client (desktop and/or laptop computer) with election reporting manager (ERM) software; the ExpressVote, an Americans with Disabilities Act compliant vote capture device for a polling place; the AutoMARK, an Americans with Disabilities Act compliant ballot marking device for a polling place; the DS200, a polling place scanner and tabulator; and the DS850, a scanner and tabulator for a central count location.

B. EVS 5.3.0.0

EVS 5.3.0.0 is a federally tested modification to the EVS 5.2.0.0 voting system. The modification provides support for modeming of unofficial election results from a DS200 to a Secure File Transfer Protocol (SFTP) server through public analog or wireless telecommunications networks after the polls close on Election Day. EVS 5.3.0.0 lacks federal certification. The underlying voting system (EVS 5.2.0.0) is federally certified.

For additional information regarding this voting system, please refer to the attached Board memorandum, certification letter and U.S. EAC certificate. If you have any questions, please contact the G.A.B. Help Desk at gabhelpdesk@wi.gov or (608) 261-2028. Thank you.