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TO: Wisconsin Municipal Clerks
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FROM: Michael Haas
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SUBJECT: Recent G.A.B. Articles about Election Duties and Costs

In an effort to better inform municipal officials and local governing bodies about the cost and management of elections, the Government Accountability Board has recently contributed articles to the following two publications:

- [The Municipality, October 2013](#). Click link to read on League of Municipalities website.
- Wisconsin Towns Magazine, October 2013. This publication is not online.

These articles grew out of discussions with the Clerk Workload Concerns Task Force regarding the need for local elected officials to have a better understanding of the many tasks that municipal clerks must carry out to maintain the Statewide Voter Registration System, as well as the costs and sources of funding for elections. Members of the Clerks Task Force requested that the G.A.B. broaden its communications about these tasks and costs to local governing bodies. We hope that the information provided will be helpful in planning local budgets to prepare for election administration, and to also explain the roles of SVRS providers and relies to policymakers.

If your local elected officials are not regular readers of these publications, you may wish to pass the articles along to them. Please feel free to contact me with any questions or feedback regarding the articles, or other opportunities to convey this information to appropriate audiences.