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SUBJECT: Newly Revised GAB-190 Posted on the Election's Division Website

Preparations for the 2010 Election Season have already begun. Based on the excellent feedback received from you, our valued customers and partners, we have made changes to the GAB-190 Post Election Statistics and Reporting Form to improve clarity and completeness of voter participation information. The changes can be found on both the GAB-190 Form and the GAB-190 Help Guide, both of which are posted on our website.

The information you provide on the GAB-190 helps us better inform the public, ourselves, members of the Government Accountability Board, and the Governor and Legislature. The new questions that we have added to the GAB-190 will continue to help us get a better idea of what occurs on and before Election Day, in your office and at the polls.

The changes are noted with a blue arrow in the GAB-190 Help Guide. The GAB-190 Help Guide provides clerks with more insight into what each question is asking for and offers in depth explanations. The additional questions include information on Election Inspectors, how many in-person absentee ballots are issued in your office, and separates the tracking of the military and overseas write-in from military and overseas official ballot.

We are working to create a GAB-190 that does not change for each election; however Federal Legislation often makes this difficult. Currently the Federal Government is implementing the Military and Overseas Voters Empowerment (MOVE) Act. The MOVE Act does not include a comprehensive list of all the information that needs to be reported back to the Federal Government. We understand such information is forth coming. This means that the GAB-190 is likely to change, probably for the September 2010 Primary.

As always we appreciate your cooperation and understanding in this matter. We continue to work hard to create a GAB-190 Form that transcends elections but must continue to comply with Federal Law. If the GAB-190 changes due to the implementation of MOVE before the September 2010 Primary, that will be as a result of the Federal Government, not the G.A.B. During our communication listening sessions, you ask that we share with whenever things impact election administration that is not under G.A.B.'s control. Thank you.

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