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**TO:** Members, Senate Committee on Elections and Urban Affairs  
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**SUBJECT:** Wisconsin Election Management Systems

1. MyVote Wisconsin <https://myvote.wi.gov>
  - a. Created using funds from a grant from the Federal Voting Assistance Program (FVAP) to allow online ballot delivery for military and overseas voters (funds while likely be exhausted after April 2017)
  - b. Primary website for self-service voter information (What is on my ballot? Who are my elected officials? Where is my polling place? When is my next election?)
  - c. Allows voters to print a voter registration application that automatically populates into SVRS as a pending voter application for the clerk to approve once they receive the signed paper form
  - d. Military and permanently overseas voters can request an absentee ballot based on the contests and candidates entered into SVRS, and if they choose to receive their ballot electronically, they can mark their ballot before printing and mailing the ballot with the certification to their municipal clerk
2. Statewide Voter Registration System (SVRS) <https://svrs.wi.gov/>
  - a. Created and maintained using Federal Help America Vote Act (HAVA) funds (expires after fiscal year 2015)
  - b. Primary elections application for voter registrations, elections, contests and candidates, polling places, office holders, jurisdictions and districts, sample ballots, voting history, absentee ballots, poll lists, and addresses
  - c. Custom-developed by private contractors using Citrix-based software
3. Wisconsin Elections Data Collection System (WEDCS) <https://wedc.gab.wi.gov/>
  - a. Created using a grant from the U.S. Election Assistance Committee (US EAC)
  - b. Maintained using federal HAVA funds (expires after fiscal year 2015)
  - c. Primary application for reporting elections statistics for federal and state elections by municipal and county clerks
  - d. Primary applications for county and municipal clerks to report election-specific costs for the Spring Elections and General Elections, as well as annual election costs

- e. Custom-developed by contracted IT professionals using XML
  - f. Data is used to comply with federal reporting requirements (US EAC, FVAP)
4. Canvass Reporting System (CRS) <https://canvass.gab.wi.gov/>
    - a. Created using remaining funds from the US EAC grant for WEDCS
    - b. Maintained using federal HAVA funds (expires after fiscal year 2015)
    - c. Primary application for county and (few) municipal clerks to report elections results
    - d. Allows Staff to efficiently provide election results certification for state and federal elections
    - e. Custom-developed by contracted IT professionals using XML
  5. ElectionData (Microsoft Dynamics CRM) <http://electiondata.gab.wi.gov/GAB/main.aspx>
    - a. Licenses purchased using federal HAVA funds (expires after fiscal year 2015)
    - b. Commercial-Off-The-Shelf (COTS) Software, adapted by contracted IT professionals
    - c. Primary application for distributing the ineligible voter lists to clerks (Felon Lists), processing four-year maintenance postcards, reporting and tracking provisional ballots, and for previewing the MyVote Wisconsin ballots for military and permanently overseas voters
    - d. Platform identified for SVRS modernization using federal HAVA funds (expires after fiscal year 2015)
  6. BADGER Voters <http://BADGERVoters.gab.wi.gov>
    - a. BADGER Voters is an online SVRS voter data request site
    - b. BADGER Voters allows users to request voter data, receive a quote, pay online and download the data file independent of G.A.B. staff and at their convenience
    - c. Requesters can pay using a credit card or electronic funds transfer (EFT or E-check)
    - d. The site using state-of-the-art security procedures to protect confidential information (date of birth, driver license number, state ID number, accommodation required to vote, and financial information)
    - e. Revenue from voter data requests helps support SVRS maintenance, training and customer support efforts
    - f. SharePoint licenses were purchased by the Department of Administration (DOA)
    - g. Commercial-Off-The-Shelf (COTS) Software, adapted by contracted IT professionals
    - h. SharePoint is the primary application for collaborative work and information sharing within G.A.B. Staff and SVRS users
    - i. SharePoint is also the platform used to conduct clerk surveys on topics such as training needs and the type of voting equipment used in each municipality.