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**TO:** Wisconsin County Clerks  
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**SUBJECT:** Government Accountability Board's Online Canvass Reporting System

Many of you have heard about the Government Accountability Board's (G.A.B.) prototype Canvass Reporting System that is designed to make the canvass reporting process more efficient and accurate through the application of the latest technology.

On Thursday, May 13, 2010, in Madison, Board staff previewed the prototype for a group that included 15 County Clerks. We solicited their reactions and comments, as well as their ideas for additional features for the system.

I am pleased to report to you that the County Clerks' reactions were encouraging, and the prototype was favorably received. Overwhelmingly, the participating County Clerks reported that the system was a "win-win." They also felt that the online Canvass Reporting System would be beneficial to them as well as to Board staff. Other comments included:

- "I'm pleasantly surprised."
- "It's a piece of cake."
- "I can see it's a good thing."
- "Looks like a good system."
- "It's worthwhile."
- "Great!"
- "Even better than what I do now."
- "I don't think it's that difficult."
- "We like it! We like it!"

After seeing the prototype in action, three of the County Clerks who were skeptics at the outset told us they are now converts. We thank the County Clerks in attendance for their participation.

If you were not one of the County Clerks to see the prototype demonstrated, you will get your chance at the County Clerks' conference in June. After that demonstration/feedback session, Board staff and County Clerks will pre-test the system prior to it going online for the September Primary and November General elections.

If you have questions about the G.A.B. Canvass Reporting System, please do not hesitate to contact me. I may be contacted at 608-267-0715, or at [Nat.Robinson@wi.gov](mailto:Nat.Robinson@wi.gov). Thank you!

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