

and to assess grantees' prior experience at the end of the budget period. The Department will also aggregate the data across grantees to provide descriptive information on the programs and to analyze its outcomes in response to the Government Performance and Results Act.

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## ELECTION ASSISTANCE COMMISSION

### Federal Advisory Committee Act; Technical Guidelines Development Committee Charter Renewal

**AGENCY:** Election Assistance Commission.

**ACTION:** Notice of charter renewal.

**SUMMARY:** In accordance with the Federal Advisory Committee Act (Pub. L. 92-463), the purpose of this notice is to announce that the Election Assistance Commission (EAC) has renewed the charter for the Technical Guidelines Development Committee (TGDC) for a two-year period through August 9, 2010. The TGDC is a federal advisory committee under the Federal Advisory Committee Act.

**DATES:** Renewed through August 9, 2010.

**ADDRESSES:** Election Assistance Commission, 1225 New York Avenue, NW., Suite 1100, Washington, DC 20005.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Donetta Davidson, Designated Federal Officer, Technical Guidelines

Development Committee, at (202) 566-3100. E-mail: [havainfo@eac.gov](mailto:havainfo@eac.gov).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The TGDC is a Federal advisory committee created by statute whose mission is to assist the EAC Executive Director in the development of voluntary voting system guidelines. In accordance with the Federal Advisory Committee Act, Public Law 92-463, as amended, this notice advises interested persons of the renewal of the TGDC.

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## ELECTION ASSISTANCE COMMISSION

### Notice: Request for Public Comment

**AGENCY:** United States Election Assistance Commission.

**ACTION:** Notice: Request for Public Comment.

**SUMMARY:** The EAC seeks public comment on a proposed policy entitled "Proposed Notice and Public Comment Policy." This policy is to provide effective notice for a period of public comment on all policies being considered for adoption by the United States Election Assistance Commission (EAC) that are not required for public comment under law.

**DATES:** Comments must be received by 5 p.m. ET on September 17, 2008.

**ADDRESSES:** Comments may be submitted: Online at <http://www.eac.gov/News/public-comment>, via e-mail at [havainfo@eac.gov](mailto:havainfo@eac.gov), via mail addressed to the U.S. Election Assistance Commission, 1225 New York Ave, NW., Suite 1100, Washington, DC 20005, or by fax at 202/566-3127. Commenters are encouraged to submit comments electronically and include "Notice and Public Comment" in the subject line, to ensure timely receipt and consideration.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The following is the complete text of the proposed notice and public comment policy the EAC is seeking public comment on.

### Proposed Notice and Public Comment Policy

#### I. Purpose

The purpose of this policy is to provide effective notice for a period of public comment on all policies being considered for adoption by the United States Election Assistance Commission (EAC), which are not subject to notice

and comment under any federal statute. From time to time, EAC issues advisories, manuals, procedures, regulations and rules, which impact outside parties. Some of these policies and rules must be adopted after a period of public comment pursuant to the Administrative Procedures Act (APA) or other statutes, such as the Help America Vote Act (HAVA) or the National Voter Registration Act (NVRA). Other policies do not require such public participation; however, EAC is committed to make all of its policymaking activities open and transparent.

EAC believes that public involvement in the policy process is the best way to develop sound policy and encourage public understanding of and participation in agency activities. As such, EAC desires to require notice and comment for all of its advisories, manuals, procedures, regulations and rules that may impact outside parties. To that end, this policy requires EAC to provide the public an opportunity to comment on any proposed policy or rule of general applicability (those impacting outside parties), even when such public comment is not otherwise required by law.

This policy further outlines the roles, responsibilities and procedures for this process to assure that the public has effective notice and the ability to submit timely and meaningful comment on proposed EAC policies and rules.

#### II. Definitions

A. "Outside Party" means any other government entity, corporation, non-profit association, or individual other than EAC. Outside Party shall not include Federal government executive branch or independent agencies.

B. "Policy of general applicability" is a policy that applies to all relevant stakeholders. It is not a particular matter involving a single party that addresses a specific case or controversy, such as the resolution of one state's audit, or interpretations issued under the EAC's Testing and Certification and Laboratory Accreditation Programs. Matters of general applicability include the following:

- Program manuals adopted by EAC that impact outside parties, such as the testing and certification program manual, the laboratory accreditation manual, and grant manuals regarding any of the EAC distributed or managed grant programs.

- Guidance (other than that developed by EAC regarding sections 301-303 of HAVA), advisories, and advisory opinions related to the implementation or administration of