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VII. Other Information

Accessible Format: On request to the program contact person listed under **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT**, individuals with disabilities can obtain this document and a copy of the application package in an accessible format. The Department will provide the requestor with an accessible format that may include Rich Text Format (RTF), text format (txt), a thumb drive, an MP3 file, braille, large print, audiotape, compact disc, or other accessible format.

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Adam Schott,

Deputy Assistant Secretary for Policy and Programs, Delegated the Authority to Perform the Functions and Duties of the Assistant Secretary, Office of Elementary and Secondary Education.

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ELECTION ASSISTANCE COMMISSION

Sunshine Act Meetings

AGENCY: Election Assistance Commission.

ACTION: Sunshine Act notice; notice of public meeting agenda.

SUMMARY: The U.S. Election Assistance Commission (EAC) will conduct a public meeting to discuss the 2023 Voluntary Electronic Poll Book Pilot Program and consider next steps for the program.

DATES: Monday, December 4, 2:00 p.m.–3:00 p.m. EST.

ADDRESSES: The meeting will be virtual and livestreamed on the U.S. Election Assistance Commission's YouTube Channel: <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCpN6i0g2rIF4ITWhwvBwwZw>.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Kristen Muthig, Telephone: (202) 897–9285, Email: kmuthig@eac.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Purpose: In accordance with the Government in the Sunshine Act (Sunshine Act), Public Law 94–409, as amended (5 U.S.C. 552b), the U.S. Election Assistance Commission (EAC) will conduct a public meeting to discuss the 2023 EAC Voluntary Electronic Poll Book Pilot Program and consider next steps for the program.

Agenda: The U.S. Election Assistance Commission (EAC) will consider the adoption of the Voluntary Electronic Poll Book Pilot Program as a standing program at the agency. To facilitate this conversation, the EAC Commissioners will hear from the EAC's Election Supporting Technology Evaluation Program (ESTEP) staff on feedback they have received on the pilot and recommendations for next steps for implementation.

Background: Under the authority of the Help America Vote Act (HAVA), the EAC created the Election Supporting Technology Evaluation Program (ESTEP) to establish requirements and guidelines specific to election technologies that are not covered under the Voluntary Voting System Guidelines (VMSG). The e-poll book pilot is the first in a series of pilots conducted by the ESTEP program, which will also examine voter registration databases, election night reporting systems, and electronic ballot delivery systems.

The e-poll book pilot program testing took place between January and August 2023. The pilot involved two VSTLs, Pro V&V and SLI Compliance, that tested e-poll book devices from five commercial manufacturers, and two in-house developers. These systems were tested against the Voluntary Electronic Poll Book Requirements (Version 0.9) developed by ESTEP in consultation with the National Institute of Standards and Technology (NIST), cybersecurity and accessibility experts, and other key stakeholders.

The full agenda will be posted in advance on the EAC website: <https://www.eac.gov>.

Status: This meeting will be open to the public.

Camden Kelliher,

Deputy General Counsel, U.S. Election Assistance Commission.

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ELECTION ASSISTANCE COMMISSION

Request for Comment: Election Supporting Technology Evaluation Program Manufacturer Registration Form

AGENCY: U.S. Election Assistance Commission.

ACTION: Notice, request for comment.

SUMMARY: As part of its continuing effort to reduce paperwork burdens, and as required by the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (PRA), the U.S. Election Assistance Commission (EAC) gives notice that it is requesting from the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) approval for the information collection of one Election Supporting Technology Evaluation Program form. The information collected is to be used to improve the quality of election-supporting technology used in federal elections, and to collect necessary key information on election-supporting technology manufacturers and their systems. Participation in this program is voluntary.

DATES: Comments must be received by 5 p.m. eastern on Friday, January 12, 2023.

ADDRESSES: To view the Election Supporting Technology Evaluation Program form, see: https://www.eac.gov/voting-equipment/Election_Supporting_Technology_Evaluation_Program. Comments on the proposed form should be submitted electronically via <https://www.regulations.gov> (docket IDs: EAC–2023–0003). Written comments on the proposed information collection can also be sent to the U.S. Election Assistance Commission, 633 3rd Street NW, Suite 200, Washington, DC 20001, Attn: Election Supporting Technology Evaluation Program.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Elizabeth Beatrice, Election Technology Specialist, Election Supporting Technology Evaluation Program, Washington, DC, (202)–748–2298. Email: estep@eac.gov.

All requests and submissions should be identified by the title of the information collection.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Title and OMB Number: ESTEP Manufacturer Registration Form, OMB Number Pending.

Purpose: Under the PRA (44 U.S.C. 3501–3520), Federal Agencies must obtain approval from the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for each collection of information they conduct or sponsor. “Collection of information” is defined in 44 U.S.C. 3502(3) and 5 CFR 1320.3(c) and includes Agency requests or requirements that members of the public submit reports, keep records, or provide information to a third party. Section 3506(c)(2)(A) of the PRA requires Federal agencies to provide a 60-day notice in the **Federal Register** concerning each proposed collection of information, including each proposed extension of an existing collection of information, before submitting the collection to OMB for approval. To comply with this requirement, the EAC is publishing notice of the proposed collection of information set forth in this document.

The EAC Election Supporting Technology Evaluation Program evaluates the security and accessibility of election-supporting technologies, including electronic poll books, voter registration systems, electronic ballot delivery systems, and election night reporting databases.

The program is to publish one form. This is to be used to collect key information concerning election-supporting technology manufacturers. The application for registration in the Election Supporting Technology Evaluation Program collects administrative information on manufacturers and their organizations.

This information is collected to improve the quality of election-supporting technology used in federal elections.

Public Comments: We are soliciting public comments to permit the EAC to:

- Evaluate whether the proposed information collection is necessary and sufficient for the proper functions of the

Election Supporting Technology Evaluation Program.

- Evaluate the accuracy of our estimate of burden for this proposed collection, including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used.
- Enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of information to be collected.
- Minimize the reporting burden on those who are to respond, including the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

Please note that comments submitted in response to this Notice are public record. Before including any detailed personal information, you should be aware that your submitted comments, including your personal information, will be available for public review.

Respondents: Election Supporting Technology Manufacturers, State and Local Election Officials.

Annual Reporting Burden

OMB approval is requested for 3 years.

ANNUAL BURDEN ESTIMATES

Instrument	Estimated number of respondents	Total number of responses per year	Average burden hours per response	Annual burden hours
ESTEP Manufacturer Registration Form	10	1	2	20
Total	10	20

The estimated cost of the annualized cost of this burden is: \$1,681.

Camden Kelliher,
Deputy General Counsel, U.S. Election Assistance Commission.

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ELECTION ASSISTANCE COMMISSION

Request for Comment: Voluntary Electronic Poll Book Requirements Version 1.0

AGENCY: U.S. Election Assistance Commission.

ACTION: Notice, request for comment.

SUMMARY: The U.S. Election Assistance Commission (EAC) is publishing Version 1.0 of the Voluntary Electronic Poll Book Requirements (VEPBR v1.0) for public comment. The intent of the VEPBR v1.0 is to improve the functionality, security, and accessibility of electronic poll books used in Federal elections. The VEPBR v1.0 establishes baseline requirements for electronic poll book manufacturers to receive

certification through the EAC’s Election Supporting Technology Evaluation Program (ESTEP). This version replaces the draft version (0.9) utilized during the EAC’s Voluntary Electronic Poll Book Pilot Program in 2021–2023. Participation in this program is voluntary.

DATES: Comments must be received by 5 p.m. eastern on Thursday, December 14, 2023.

ADDRESSES: To view the VEPBR v1.0, see: https://www.eac.gov/voting-equipment/Election_Supporting_Technology_Evaluation_Program. Comments on the proposed VEPBR v1.0 should be submitted electronically via <https://www.regulations.gov> (docket IDs: EAC–2023–0005). Written comments on the proposed document can also be sent to the U.S. Election Assistance Commission, 633 3rd Street NW, Suite 200, Washington, DC 20001, Attn: Election Supporting Technology Evaluation Program.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Elizabeth Beatrice, Election Technology Specialist, Election Supporting Technology Evaluation Program,

Washington, DC, (202) 748–2298. Email: estep@eac.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Purpose: Under the authority of the Help America Vote Act of 2002 (HAVA), the U.S. Election Assistance Commission (EAC) developed the Election Supporting Technology Evaluation Program (ESTEP). This Program establishes a protocol for testing critical election-supporting technologies to ensure their conformance with baseline Federal standards for security and accessibility. While participation in this Program is voluntary, EAC certification benefits the public and wider election technology field by supporting State and local election officials, increasing quality control and quality assurance of election-supporting technologies, and increasing voter confidence in the use of these systems.

The VEPBR v1.0 will be used primarily by electronic poll book system manufacturers and Voting System Test Laboratories (VSTLs) as a baseline set of requirements for electronic poll book system security and accessibility to which States or Territories will add