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Introduction

- Thank you everyone for being here today.
- We're ending the year with another successful election season behind us, and I'm looking forward to hearing more about it during our panel discussion this afternoon.

General News

- Last month we announced the Accessible Voting Technology Initiative, a \$7 million federal grant designed to make voting more accessible to people with disabilities.
 - Applications are due by March 1, 2011. Detailed information about the grant is available on our Web site.
 - We recently held two technical assistance calls for prospective applicants. Recordings of the calls are available on our site.
 - We ask prospective applicants to inform us, if possible, of their intent to apply by February 1, 2011.
- We are now accepting comments for version 2.0 of the EAC Testing and Certification Program Manual. The 60-day comment period began Tuesday and will continue through January 31, 2011.
 - You can download the draft manual on our Web site and view the changes, which are highlighted in yellow.
 - We're accepting comments by mail, fax and e-mail and instructions on how to submit a comment are on our Web site at eac.gov/open/comment.
- The comment period for the Notice of Proposed Rulemaking for the NVRA Regulations, which began in early August, ended on November 23.
 - We received 33 comments, and they are posted at Regulations.gov.
- Since our last meeting, we've issued \$1.03 million in 2010 HAVA funds, all of which went to Colorado.

- This brings the total amount of disbursed payments to \$81.2 million for 2008, \$58.4 million for 2009, and \$27.2 million for 2010.

Tally Votes

The commission held three tally votes since our last meeting to:

- Approve the 2010 Accessible Voting Technology Initiative Notice of Funds Availability;
- Appoint a Designated Agency Ethics Official; and
- Update Virginia's state-specific instructions on the National Mail Voter Registration Form.

Web site Updates

- Commissioner Bresso has posted observations from her October visit to Orange County, California to observe their pre-election activities.
- The state of Connecticut recently submitted three voting system reports, which we've added to our growing collection of state voting system reports on our site.
- We also posted two updates about the EAC testing and certification program:
 - A letter to ES&S notifying them that their application for the Unity 4.0 has been terminated because no plan was provided to EAC to continue testing, as required by the EAC testing and certification program manual.
 - A letter from SysTest Labs informing EAC of the lab's name change to SLI Global Solutions.
- And finally, as a reminder, we'd like to encourage anyone interested in learning of EAC news as it happens to sign up for our automatic e-mail alerts at EAC.gov.