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To: Directors, County Boards of Elections

From: Gary O. Bartlett  
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Subject: Update

The State Board Training Seminar will be conducted March 14 & 15, Tuesday and Wednesday, at the Friday Center in Chapel Hill. Linda Mathis of our office will provide details in an email communication in the next day or so.

With the assistance of Information Technology Services, the Attorney General and State Board staff, we have finalized an agreement with Election Systems & Software (ES&S). Attorneys for both the State and ES&S are finalizing the contract.

The following are items of interest:

1. To facilitate User Acceptance Testing (UAT) and provide quality assurance, State Board staff will assist ES&S as soon as confirmed orders are submitted and machines are received at the central warehouse in Raleigh. The State Board of Elections will use HAVA funds to pay for acceptance testing of the iVotronic, iVotronic ADA, M100 and AutoMark. This procedure will more efficiently use available time, reduce out of the box error rates and result in an approximate cost savings of \$2.4 million to the county boards of elections. County boards of elections will be encouraged to be present for the UAT to monitor or assist as deemed appropriate.
2. The State Board of Elections approved an additional grant of \$3 million to be divided equally among the 100 county boards of elections. Funds are to be used for voting equipment related items and must be encumbered by April 1, 2006. A grant application form will be provided to you for submission to this office for approval.



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- Some of the items that will not be approved for this additional grant include leasing of voting equipment, ballot printing, etc.
3. To assist boards of county commissioners with budgeting, the State Board of Elections will pay directly to ES&S the county's portion of HAVA funds for primary voting equipment expenses, so that counties will not need to expend county funds before the primary. This will allow the use of the county's remaining HAVA and available county funds until after the new budget year beginning July 1.

It is our intent to distribute the contract and other documentation as soon as possible.