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Honorable Senator Marilyn Dondero Loop, Chair
Interim Finance Committee
401 S. Carson Street
Carson City, NV 89701-4747

Via Email

Re: Semi-Annual Report Relating to the Implementation of AB422

Dear Chair Dondero Loop,

Pursuant to Assembly Bill 422 (AB 422) of the 81st Legislative Session, the Secretary of State is required to submit a semi-annual report to the Director of the Legislative Counsel Bureau for transmittal to the Interim Finance Committee detailing the progress made in implementing the provisions of AB 422 related to the centralized, top-down database. This status report on the Voter Registration Elections Management Solution (VREMS) project covers the period from March 2, 2022 to January 31, 2023.

VREMS Project Accomplishments

The Solution Assessment Report as completed by the Gartner consultants resulted in the decision to procure a Commercial Off-the-Shelf (COTS) Voter Registration and Election Management Solution. The project team following the State Enterprise IT Services (EITS) requirements process submitted Technology Investment Notification (TIN) request 347 on April 1, 2022 and received approval on April 29, 2022 to proceed to Request for Proposal (RFP) with State Purchasing.

After further discussion with State Purchasing, the agency is now intending to "Request to Use Another Governmental Solicitation", a process by which a state agency is allowed to use an RFP with a similar Statement of Work (SOW) submitted in another state. In the last 2-4 years, multiple states have submitted an RFP for a new voter registration and election management solution and two in particular (Oregon and Pennsylvania) have been identified as being closely aligned with the SOW identified through our previous solution assessment. This will expedite the process and will result in a contract approximately 9-12 months faster than through the development of a new RFP. The agency has already begun developing the "Request to Use Another Governmental Solicitation" with the assistance of the agency Deputy Attorney General and State Purchasing.

The project team has submitted for and received a technology infrastructure completion memo from the Enterprise IT Services agency with an initial estimated project budget of \$13.8M with plans to increase it to \$30 million. This figure includes the estimated cost of a commercial off the shelf solution (COTS), an organizational change management (OCM) assessment, and an independent validation & verification component (IV&V), as well as other expenses such as staffing, training, and travel.

Currently there is ~\$6M of remaining funds in the HAVA grant. This represents an increase since the last report due to the receipt of \$1M in additional grant funding. The remaining funding needed for completion of the project will be requested during the 2023 Nevada Legislative Session.

VREMS Financials

The Secretary of State's Office has directly expended \$1,021,214.83 to date. This amount is comprised of \$420,000 paid to Gartner and \$601,214.83 in salaries and associated costs for the project manager and two business process analysts. Those expenses were previously reported as paid using funds from the Help America Vote Act (HAVA) grant, however, with approval from GFO, the expenses were transferred to AB 432 - Automatic Voter Registration.

Do not hesitate to contact the Secretary of State's office should you have any questions.

Respectfully,

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