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Honorable Assemblywoman Daniele Monroe-Moreno, 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 Monroe-Moreno,

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 January 1, 2023 to June 30, 2023.

VREMS Project Accomplishments

The Elections Division has completed the initialization of a contract with KnowInk for a top-down voter registration system and election management system with a go-live date of March 1, 2024 for the minimum viable product with additional phases and modules planned for after the completion of the 2024 election cycle.

The Elections Division has completed the initialization of a contract with Gartner Inc. to perform Independent Validation & Verification services (IV&V) to provide third party oversight and risk management for the project.

The Elections Division has formed a Steering Committee for the project and a routine meeting schedule has been established to guide the project and review deliverables for acceptance. The Elections Division established and will be utilizing the Nevada Election Technology Advisory Committee (NETAC) composed of county members to facilitate and help guide the technical aspects of the project forward.

The Elections Division has begun hiring the necessary staff to support the implementation of project goals. The project team has made two trips to Las Vegas to confirm the understanding of the development already underway by the vendor KnowInk and to align project goals and timelines.

The passage of Senate Bill 484 (SB484; 2023) has provided the additional \$25M in project funding for the next biennium.

VREMS Financials

The Secretary of State's Office has directly expended \$1,333,414.67 on the project to date using a combination of funds from the Help America Vote Act (HAVA) grant and through funding appropriated

by the passage of Assembly Bill 432 (AB432; 2021) which is being implemented in conjunction with the implementation of AB422 (2021). This amount is comprised of \$550,000.00 paid to Gartner for services rendered and \$783,414.67 in salaries and associated costs for contractors. Regarding the \$783,414.67, \$659,807.79 was expended on salaries and associated costs that were paid out of AB432 funding (\$255,831.25 was initially paid through the Help America Vote Act (HAVA) grant but then approved to be transferred to AB432) while \$123,606.88 were expended on salaries and associated costs out of HAVA grant after the AB432 funding was depleted. No funds appropriated by the passage of SB484 have been expended to date. No funds appropriated by the passage of SB484 have been expended to date.

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

Project updates may be found on our website at [Voter Registration & Election Management Solution Project | Nevada Secretary of State \(nvsos.gov\)](https://www.nvsos.gov/Voter-Registration-and-Election-Management-Solution-Project) throughout the lifecycle of the project.

Respectfully,

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Secretary of State

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