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AGENCY: United States Election Assistance Commission

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ACTION: Notice of Public Meeting for the Technical Guidelines Development Committee

DATE & TIME: Wednesday, March 29th 2006 , 8:45 am to 5:30 pm.

PLACE: National Institute of Standards and Technology
100 Bureau Drive, Building 101, Red Auditorium
Gaithersburg, Maryland 20899-8900

STATUS: This meeting will be open to the public. There is no fee to attend, but, due to security requirements, advance registration is required. Registration information will be available at <http://vote.nist.gov> by March 6th, 2006.

SUMMARY: The Technical Guidelines Development Committee (the “Development Committee”) has scheduled a plenary meeting for March 29, 2006. The Committee was established to act in the public interest to assist the Executive Director of the U.S. Election Assistance Commission (EAC) in the development of voluntary voting system guidelines. The Development Committee held previous meetings on July 9th, 2004; January 18 and 19, 2005; March 9th, 2005; April 20th and 21st, 2005; and September 29th, 2005. The purpose of the sixth meeting of the Development Committee will be to review and approve draft documents that will form the bases for recommendations for future voluntary voting system guidelines to the EAC. The draft documents respond to tasks defined in resolutions passed at previous Technical Guideline Development Committee meetings.

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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Technical Guidelines Development Committee (the “Development Committee”) has scheduled a plenary meeting for March 29, 2006. The Committee was established pursuant to 42 U.S.C. § 15361, to act in the public interest to assist the Executive Director of the Election Assistance Commission in the development of the voluntary voting system guidelines. The Technical Guidelines Development Committee held their first plenary meeting on July 9, 2004. At this meeting, the Development Committee agreed to a resolution forming three working groups: (1) Human Factors & Privacy; (2) Security & Transparency; and (3) Core Requirements & Testing to gather information and public input on relevant issues. The information gathered by the working groups was analyzed at the second meeting of the Development Committee January 18 & 19, 2005. Resolutions were debated and adopted by the TGDC at the January plenary session. The resolutions defined technical work tasks for NIST that will assist the TGDC in developing recommendations for voluntary voting system guidelines. At the March 9, 2005 meeting, NIST scientists presented preliminary reports on technical work tasks defined in resolutions adopted at the January plenary meeting and adopted one additional resolution. The Development Committee approved initial recommendations for voluntary voting system guidelines at the April 20th & 21st 2005 meeting. The Development Committee began consideration of future recommendations for voluntary

voting system guidelines at the September 29, 2005 meeting. At the March 29th, 2006 meeting, the Development Committee will review and approve draft technical guidance documents that will form the bases for recommendations for future voluntary voting system guidelines

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CONTACT INFORMATION: Allan Eustis 301-975-5099. If a member of the public would like to submit written comments concerning the Committee's affairs at any time before or after the meeting, written comments should be addressed to the contact person indicated above, or to voting@nist.gov.