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Subject: NASS Elections Committee: No Call on 4/21, Classified Briefing on 4/21, Ltr to NASS about Spending of HAVA Security Funds, EAC Resources for HAVA Security Funds, USPS Proposed Price Increases, GCC Working Groups, EAC Lifecycle Policy Approved
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Dear NASS Elections Committee, Communications Directors and IT Directors:

No NASS Call next Thursday, April 21

Instead of our call, there will be a Classified Briefing at the SECRET-level hosted by CISA and their federal partners next Thursday, 4/21 at 1:00PM ET. See information below.

Classified Briefing for Secret-level Clearance Holders in the Elections Community on Thursday, April 21 at 1PM ET

From CISA - As a reminder, CISA, in collaboration with our partners at DHS I&A, NSA, FBI, ODNI, and NIC, will be hosting a Secret-level briefing, which will be held via a secure video teleconference on **Thursday April 21, 2022 at 1:00 p.m. ET.** By now, you should have been contacted by CISA personnel to confirm your briefing location and to coordinate the completion of your Visitor Authorization Request Form (VAR), as needed. If you have not received correspondence from CISA personnel by **COB today**, please notify us as soon as possible and we will assist in coordination efforts.

Letter to NASS re Spending of Federal Election Funds from Honest Elections Project Action, America First Works, Heritage Action for America and Election Transparency Initiative

Yesterday I was made aware of a letter from four organizations about how they would like to see states spend the FY2022 approps for HAVA Election Security funds. I have not yet received the letter, but we were able to copy it from a media article online. The letter is attached.

EAC Resources for Accessing FY2022 Funding for HAVA Election Security Funds

Here is a link to the all the resources available from the EAC on accessing the FY 2022 HAVA Election Security Funds. [Election Security Funds | U.S. Election Assistance Commission \(eac.gov\)](#). Here is another [link](#) to a Power Point given last week by the EAC that explains this process.

USPS Submits Proposed Price Increases July 2022 to Postal Regulatory Commission for Approval

Here is a link to the press release announcing this action. [Price changes | USPS News Link](#). USPS will be joining a NASED bi-weekly call next Friday, April 22 to review the proposed increases and talk about the implementation of the USPS Strategic Plan. You are welcome to join the NASED call next week. I will share the dial-in information when I have it.

GCC Working Groups – Sign Up, Update Working Group Participation, Etc. – Please Review Spreadsheet

From CISA - We hope you are all doing well. Attached, please find the *EI Working Group Information Excel Sheet*, which lists all active EI Working Groups, the Chairs, WG description, recent activity, meeting information, and rosters. I've attached the roster of current working groups. You do not need to be a member of the GCC to participate in the working groups. Please review the attached roster and let me know what groups you want off of and what group(s) you would like to join.

The Working Groups are developing important resources to ensure all members of the election community stay informed of and are protected against threats faced as a part of the nation's critical infrastructure.

Intelligence Alerts regarding Stoking Social Discord and Threats to Election Workers

Attached you will find two alerts, one by DHS I&A and one by FBI. Neither of these alerts are providing any new information, but I still wanted to share. If there is any more info about these alerts, it will be shared during the classified briefing next week. These are FOUO, so please don't share.

EAC Adopts Lifecycle Policy at Public Meeting on April 5

From the EAC - EAC Adopts Lifecycle Policy WASHINGTON DC - Today, the U.S. Election Assistance Commission (EAC) announced the adoption of the [Voluntary Voting System Guidelines \(VVSG\) Lifecycle Policy](#). The policy creates a transparent and predictable path for future updates to the VVSG and brings a new maturity to the process. This is a significant step in the implementation of the VVSG 2.0 and will let the standards evolve with the needs of election officials and future voting system technologies. The four EAC Commissioners unanimously approved the VVSG Lifecycle Policy. The intent of the VVSG Lifecycle Policy is to facilitate a regular review of the VVSG standards, and provide guidance on when and how new versions will be adopted, and older versions will be discontinued and maintained. The policy defines changes that may be made to systems certified to older standards and describes the process for updating the standards as defined in the Help America Vote Act (HAVA). "This is a new and critical tool created because of feedback from election officials regarding their needs for updated voting systems built to the VVSG. This policy was developed through a transparent process, incorporating and addressing extensive feedback from stakeholders and the public. Approval of the VVSG 2.0 was a significant step toward the development of the next generation of voting systems, and the supporting policies and processes to implement those standards are just as important. The Lifecycle Policy adopted today is a key aspect of those supporting policies. We look forward to working with stakeholders on next steps," said EAC Chairman Thomas Hicks. A recording of today's meeting is available on the [EAC's YouTube channel](#). Additional information on the Lifecycle Policy and VVSG 2.0 is available [on the EAC's website](#).

Thanks,
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April 12, 2022

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Dear Ms. Reynolds,

This year, Congress appropriated \$75 million for Election Security Grants to states as part of the Consolidated Appropriations Act of 2022. Each state is guaranteed to receive a minimum of \$1 million in Help America Vote Act (HAVA) funding. States will be required to match 20% of the funding they receive.

We, the undersigned organizations, urge every state to prioritize these funds for election security by implementing new election integrity provisions many states have adopted in the past year.

As Americans are losing confidence in the fairness, integrity, and security of their vote, redoubling our commitment to secure elections cannot come soon enough. Recent elections have been marred by chaos and confusion. Dark money special interests exploited the COVID pandemic to change voting rules across the country. Activists and partisan politicians in Washington continue to attempt a federal takeover of elections. And in 2020 alone, a single billionaire funneled \$400 million into election offices—with funds going disproportionately to jurisdictions that voted Democratic.

We urge this latest round of federal funds be devoted to improving the security and transparency of elections. Under the terms of HAVA, grants may be used for many purposes including:

- Voter list maintenance.
- Post-election audits and process reviews.
- Voter fraud investigations and the operation of voter fraud hotlines.
- Investigations into misfeasance or malfeasance by election officials.
- Purchasing security cameras for drop boxes and voting facilities.
- Enhancing cybersecurity.
- Acquiring new voting equipment, such as voting machines that produce voter-verifiable and auditable paper trails.
- Training for election officials.
- Voter education campaigns to raise aware of new or modified voting procedures.

We urge you to meet the challenge of declining confidence in elections with a renewed focus on the security and transparency of our elections. Devoting the forthcoming HAVA funds to the implementation of state election integrity laws will do much to restore and bolster public confidence in our elections. After all, the American people want it to be easy to vote *and* hard to cheat.

Sincerely,

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The Honorable Ken Blackwell
Ohio Secretary of State ('99-'07)
Senior Advisor
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Jessica Anderson
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Heritage Action for America

The Honorable Ken Cuccinelli
Former Virginia Attorney General
Chairman
Election Transparency Initiative

EI Subsector Working Groups

GCC/ SCC/ Joint	Working Group Name	Chairs	Description	Recent Activity	Next Meeting	GCC Participants	SCC Participants
Joint	Subsector-Specific Plan	GCC Chair: Michelle Tassinari SCC Chair: Kay Stimson	Draft the Subsector-Specific Plan for the EI Subsector to ensure a documentation of Subsector goals, objectives, and a strategic path forward to implement those initiatives.	Drafted the <i>Joint Election Infrastructure Subsector-Specific Plan: 2022 Status Update</i> that provides interim guidance for the EI Subsector through the 2022 Midterm Elections.	TBD	David Stafford Amy Cohen Leslie Reynolds Lindsey Forson Benjamin Hovland	Erica Haas Sam Derheimer Shane Hamlin Jim Suver
Joint	Voter Registration Cybersecurity Framework	GCC Co-Chair: Gema Howell SCC Co-Chair: Chris Wlaschin	To develop a Voter Registration Cybersecurity Framework (VR CSF) profile for the election community by identifying and developing suitable election outcomes, leveraging council, industry, academia, relevant existing sources (e.g., the Voluntary Voting System Guidelines, other election guidance) to identify existing gaps in those outcomes, and then map existing industry best practices and standards to enable outcomes.	Draft CIPAC Profile developed. Soliciting working group members.	TBD	TBD	TBD
Joint	Managing Mis/Disinformation	GCC Chair: TBD SCC Chair: Sam Derheimer	Develop and implement a strategic approach to countering and/or preempting mis-, dis-, and mal-information that targets election stakeholders and entities.	Confirming GCC Co-Chair. Published <i>Rumor Control Start Up Guide</i> and <i>Planning and Incident Response Guide</i> .	TBD	Lori Augino Chris Walker Nathan Blumenthal Aaron Hayman Michelle Tassinari Jennifer Scutchfield Chris Piper Andrea Gaines Molly Woon Amy Cohen Lindsey Forson Leslie Reynolds Maria Benson Donald Palmer Tyler Hermann Jenny Flanagan	Kay Stimson Ed Smith Ginny Badanes
Joint	Training	GCC Chair: Chris Chambliss SCC Chair: Ericka Haas	To survey the types of election-related training currently available to the election community and determine what training is lacking and should be pursued. Assist with the development of Subsector cybersecurity training programs and resources. Develop an outreach strategy to ensure election officials are aware of available training.	Shared the Training Matrix, a list of available training resources, with the full GCC and SCC. Currently developing a plan on how to share the Training Matrix with the broader election community.	May 11, 2022 @ 1:00 p.m. ET	Jessica Bowers Benjamin Hovland Amy Cohen Steve Daitch Bill Ekblad Cal Lassetter Lindsey Forson Tim Mattice Spencer Wood Megan Wolfe Jennifer Scutchfield Noah Praetz Ryan Macias Maria Benson	Traci Mapps Jesse Peterson Kay Stimson Brandon Clifton
SCC	Supply Chain Risk Management (SCRM)	SCC Chairs: Ed Smith and Chris Wlaschin	Develop guidance and products to address potential or existing issues to assist the greater partnership. Leverage existing resources produced by the Information and Communications Technology (ICT) SCRM Task Force and CISA to provide election-oriented information. Create checklists and resources that vendors and election officials can use to assess their SCRM. Outline current best practices regarding SCRM within the election community. Share resources throughout the election community to increase awareness of SCRM.	Released Ballot Paper and Hardware, Software, and Services Paper. Infographic, <i>Supply Chain Risks to Elections Infrastructure</i> is under review.	TBD		Tim Hallett Brian Hancock Nimit Sawhney Bruce Krochman Steve Weingart Kate McGregor Jim Suver Erica Haas Rubi Barrera David Orr Lawrence Gohar Jesse Peterson Sean McCully Alan Simmons Tonya Rice Doug Sunde David Haines

