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**EAC and NIST:**

**Accessible Voting Technology Initiative (AVTI)**

# Accessible Voting Technology Initiative

- Congress appropriated \$8M to the EAC for the development of a grant program focused on accessible voting.
- Research and Development Grants
  - \$500,000 – Military Heroes Initiative
  - \$4.5 M – Clemson University and their coalition partners
  - \$2.5 M – Information Technology and Innovation Foundation (ITIF)
- Three-year program, concluding June 30th



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- Today's discussion
  - AVTI R&D
  - Promoting results
  - Information in the PCEA Report for moving forward
- Presidential Commission on Election Administration

*“Any solutions in this realm must be made with an eye toward addressing the problems faced by voters as a whole while also ensuring that the needs of these discrete populations are met. However, the best way to perform this dual task is to “bake in” these targeted solutions to the recommendations applicable to the system as a whole.”* (Source: PCEA Report)

- Bottom-line: according to the report, it is important that we address accessibility issues at all stages of the election process

