UNITED STATES ELECTION ASSISTANCE COMMISSION



CONTINUING AUTHORIZATION OF THE TECHNICAL GUIDELINES DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

WHEREAS, Section 221 of the Help America Vote Act of 2002 authorized establishment of the Technical Guidelines Development Committee ("TGDC") of the United States Election Assistance Commission ("EAC"); and

WHEREAS, TGDC, with technical assistance from the National Institute of Standards and Technology ("NIST"), has been working diligently for the past nine months to develop its initial recommendations for the Voluntary Voting System Guidelines; and

WHEREAS, TGDC anticipates delivering its initial recommendations to EAC on or before May 9, 2005; and

WHEREAS, development of a completely revised set of Voluntary Voting System Guidelines is a paramount priority for EAC; and

WHEREAS, EAC recognizes that additional work by TGDC and NIST is needed to develop complete and encompassing Voluntary Voting System Guidelines; and

WHEREAS, the Help America Vote Act is silent as to the continued function of TGDC after the delivery of its initial recommendations.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that EAC acknowledges and appreciates the tireless efforts of TGDC and the staff of NIST to provide initial recommendations for the Voluntary Voting System Guidelines; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the work of TGDC and NIST is an invaluable service to this country and to our democracy and that continued service is needed to develop final Voluntary Voting System Guidelines; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that EAC authorizes TGDC, with the assistance of NIST, to continue its work of developing subsequent recommendations and delivering such recommendations to EAC for consideration for adoption as final Voluntary Voting System Guidelines; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this TGDC is authorized to continue its work through June 23, 2006 or until such time as it is subsequently authorized by EAC; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that TGDC will continue as a Federal Advisory Committee to EAC and as such its duly appointed members will continue to receive reimbursements and per diem as authorized by the Help America Vote Act.

Adopted by vote of the United States Election Assistance Commission, this ____ day of May, 2005 in Washington, D.C.

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