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The Election Assistance Commission, National Institute of Standards and Technology, and the Accessible Voting Technology Initiative
AVTI: Grant Overview

• In 2010, EAC announced the Accessible Voting Technology Initiative:
  – $7,000,000 to support research on transformative technologies and approaches to meet the critical challenge of making voting more accessible to all eligible voters
  – The Research Alliance for Accessible Voting (RAAV): Making Voting Accessible for Everyone
    • Dr. Juan Gilbert
  – Information Technology and Innovation Foundation and the Accessible Voting Technology Initiative
    • Daniel Castro
AVTI: Grant Results

• Funding Supported:
  – Over 50 Research and Development projects
  – The creation of promising technologies and pilot initiatives
  – Technology testing and adoption
  – The Development of administrative processes and training improvements to increase accessibility of existing voting procedures and election systems
AVTI: Future Work

• Opportunities:
  – Promote the findings and R&D across the elections community
  – Help foster future pilot projects
  – Identify ways to harness technology transfer of AVTI projects into emerging election solutions