

Title and OMB Number: ESTEP Manufacturer Registration Form, OMB Number Pending.

Purpose: Under the PRA (44 U.S.C. 3501–3520), Federal Agencies must obtain approval from the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for each collection of information they conduct or sponsor. “Collection of information” is defined in 44 U.S.C. 3502(3) and 5 CFR 1320.3(c) and includes Agency requests or requirements that members of the public submit reports, keep records, or provide information to a third party. Section 3506(c)(2)(A) of the PRA requires Federal agencies to provide a 60-day notice in the **Federal Register** concerning each proposed collection of information, including each proposed extension of an existing collection of information, before submitting the collection to OMB for approval. To comply with this requirement, the EAC is publishing notice of the proposed collection of information set forth in this document.

The EAC Election Supporting Technology Evaluation Program evaluates the security and accessibility of election-supporting technologies, including electronic poll books, voter registration systems, electronic ballot delivery systems, and election night reporting databases.

The program is to publish one form. This is to be used to collect key information concerning election-supporting technology manufacturers. The application for registration in the Election Supporting Technology Evaluation Program collects administrative information on manufacturers and their organizations.

This information is collected to improve the quality of election-supporting technology used in federal elections.

Public Comments: We are soliciting public comments to permit the EAC to:

- Evaluate whether the proposed information collection is necessary and sufficient for the proper functions of the

Election Supporting Technology Evaluation Program.

- Evaluate the accuracy of our estimate of burden for this proposed collection, including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used.
- Enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of information to be collected.
- Minimize the reporting burden on those who are to respond, including the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

Please note that comments submitted in response to this Notice are public record. Before including any detailed personal information, you should be aware that your submitted comments, including your personal information, will be available for public review.

Respondents: Election Supporting Technology Manufacturers, State and Local Election Officials.

Annual Reporting Burden

OMB approval is requested for 3 years.

ANNUAL BURDEN ESTIMATES

Instrument	Estimated number of respondents	Total number of responses per year	Average burden hours per response	Annual burden hours
ESTEP Manufacturer Registration Form	10	1	2	20
Total	10	20

The estimated cost of the annualized cost of this burden is: \$1,681.

Camden Kelliher,
Deputy General Counsel, U.S. Election Assistance Commission.

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ELECTION ASSISTANCE COMMISSION

Request for Comment: Voluntary Electronic Poll Book Requirements Version 1.0

AGENCY: U.S. Election Assistance Commission.

ACTION: Notice, request for comment.

SUMMARY: The U.S. Election Assistance Commission (EAC) is publishing Version 1.0 of the Voluntary Electronic Poll Book Requirements (VEPBR v1.0) for public comment. The intent of the VEPBR v1.0 is to improve the functionality, security, and accessibility of electronic poll books used in Federal elections. The VEPBR v1.0 establishes baseline requirements for electronic poll book manufacturers to receive

certification through the EAC’s Election Supporting Technology Evaluation Program (ESTEP). This version replaces the draft version (0.9) utilized during the EAC’s Voluntary Electronic Poll Book Pilot Program in 2021–2023. Participation in this program is voluntary.

DATES: Comments must be received by 5 p.m. eastern on Thursday, December 14, 2023.

ADDRESSES: To view the VEPBR v1.0, see: https://www.eac.gov/voting-equipment/Election_Supporting_Technology_Evaluation_Program. Comments on the proposed VEPBR v1.0 should be submitted electronically via <https://www.regulations.gov> (docket IDs: EAC–2023–0005). Written comments on the proposed document can also be sent to the U.S. Election Assistance Commission, 633 3rd Street NW, Suite 200, Washington, DC 20001, Attn: Election Supporting Technology Evaluation Program.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Elizabeth Beatrice, Election Technology Specialist, Election Supporting Technology Evaluation Program,

Washington, DC, (202) 748–2298. Email: estep@eac.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Purpose: Under the authority of the Help America Vote Act of 2002 (HAVA), the U.S. Election Assistance Commission (EAC) developed the Election Supporting Technology Evaluation Program (ESTEP). This Program establishes a protocol for testing critical election-supporting technologies to ensure their conformance with baseline Federal standards for security and accessibility. While participation in this Program is voluntary, EAC certification benefits the public and wider election technology field by supporting State and local election officials, increasing quality control and quality assurance of election-supporting technologies, and increasing voter confidence in the use of these systems.

The VEPBR v1.0 will be used primarily by electronic poll book system manufacturers and Voting System Test Laboratories (VSTLs) as a baseline set of requirements for electronic poll book system security and accessibility to which States or Territories will add

their specific requirements, as necessary. Manufacturers will use these requirements when they design and build new e-poll book systems. VSTLs will refer to this document when they develop test plans for the analysis and testing of e-poll book systems to verify whether the system meets these requirements. States and Territories may utilize these requirements as a baseline and include additional requirements, as deemed necessary by their legislation or other regulations.

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Respondents: Election Supporting Technology Manufacturers, Voting System Test Laboratories, State and Local Election Officials.

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ELECTION ASSISTANCE COMMISSION

Sunshine Act Meetings

AGENCY: U.S. Election Assistance Commission.

ACTION: Sunshine Act notice; notice of public meeting agenda.

SUMMARY: Public Meeting: U.S. Election Assistance Commission Technical Guidelines Development Committee 2023 Annual Meeting.

DATES: Tuesday, December 5, 2023, 8:30 a.m.–5:00 p.m. ET.

Registration for attending this event in person is required and must be submitted by November 20, 2023. The registration form will be available at www.eac.gov/events/2023/12/05/eac-technical-guidelines-development-committee-annual-meeting-december-5-2023.

ADDRESSES: National Cybersecurity Center of Excellence, 9700 Great Seneca Highway, Rockville, MD 20850.

Information on where the public can watch the livestream of this meeting will be available at www.eac.gov/events/2023/12/05/eac-technical-guidelines-development-committee-annual-meeting-december-5-2023.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Kristen Muthig, Telephone: (202) 897-9285, Email: kmuthig@eac.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Purpose: In accordance with the Government in the Sunshine Act (Sunshine Act), Public Law 94-409, as amended (5 U.S.C. 552b), the U.S. Election Assistance Commission (EAC) will conduct the 2023 annual meeting of the EAC Technical Guidelines Development Committee (TGDC) to discuss regular business of the board.

Agenda: The EAC and TGDC members will hold an annual meeting to discuss program updates for EAC Testing and Certification and the National Institute of Standards and Technology (NIST) Voting Program. The meeting will also include the status of the Voluntary Electronic Poll Book Pilot Program, the annual review of the Voluntary Voting System Guidelines (VVSG), lab testing strategies, and more.

The full agenda will be posted in advance on the EAC website: www.eac.gov/events/2023/12/05/eac-technical-guidelines-development-committee-annual-meeting-december-5-2023.

Background: Section 221 of the Help America Vote Act (HAVA) of 2002 (52 U.S.C. 20971(b)) requires that the EAC to adopt voluntary voting system guidelines, and to provide for the testing, certification, decertification, and recertification of voting system hardware and software.

The TGDC was established in accordance with the requirements of Section 221 of the Help America Vote Act of 2002 (Pub. L. 107-252, codified at 52 U.S.C. 20961), to act in the public interest to assist the Executive Director of the EAC in the development of voluntary voting system guidelines.

This meeting will be open to the public.

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Deputy General Counsel, U.S. Election Assistance Commission.

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ELECTION ASSISTANCE COMMISSION

Request for Comment: Election Supporting Technology Evaluation Program Manual

AGENCY: U.S. Election Assistance Commission.

ACTION: Notice, request for comment.

SUMMARY: The U.S. Election Assistance Commission (EAC) is publishing the Election Supporting Technology Evaluation Program (ESTEP) Manual v1.0 for public comment. The intent of this Manual is to assist in the facilitation of Program activities and to serve as a guide for manufacturers and

voting system test laboratories that select to participate in the Program. Participation in this program is voluntary.

DATES: Comments must be received by 5 p.m. eastern on Thursday, December 14, 2023.

ADDRESSES: To view the Manual v1.0, see: https://www.eac.gov/voting-equipment/Election_Supporting_Technology_Evaluation_Program. Comments on the proposed ESTEP Manual v1.0 should be submitted electronically via <https://www.regulations.gov> (docket IDs: EAC-2023-0004). Written comments on the proposed document can also be sent to the U.S. Election Assistance Commission, 633 3rd Street NW, Suite 200, Washington, DC 20001, Attn: Election Supporting Technology Evaluation Program.

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This Manual establishes the minimum requirements for participation in this Program. If election-supporting technology manufacturers decide to participate, then they must conform to the Program Manual's procedural requirements.

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Respondents: Election Supporting Technology Manufacturers, Voting