

Call for Participation

UOCAVA Remote Voting Systems Workshop

August 6-7, 2010
Washington Marriott Wardman Park
Washington, DC

The Election Assistance Commission (EAC), Federal Voting Assistance Program (FVAP) of the Department of Defense, and National Institute of Standards and Technology (NIST) are sponsoring a workshop to explore the technical issues associated with remote electronic absentee voting systems for military and overseas voters. The sponsoring organizations seek to understand:

- Desired/required functional properties of UOCAVA remote voting systems
- Advantages and disadvantages of different UOCAVA remote voting system architectures
- Ways to express and compare risks, including using metrics
- Risks associated with using the Cyber Infrastructures such as the Internet
- Risks associated with domestic and UOCAVA mail-in absentee voting
- Risks associated with remote electronic voting
- Domestic and UOCAVA mail-in absentee voting and remote electronic voting risk comparisons
- Experiences with remote electronic absentee voting systems

The workshop aims to provide an environment for interactive discussions among technical experts with the goal to identify and compare risks between various remote voting architecture. The workshop will encourage attendee participation through panel and facilitated discussion sessions with limited presentations to frame the issues related to UOCAVA remote voting systems. The first day of the workshop will have invited speakers and panelist frame the needs and challenges for UOCAVA voting. The second day of the workshop will have three breakout groups investigating how the risks associated with different UOCAVA voting system architectures (mail-in voting, kiosk voting, and voting using personally-owned devices) can be expressed and compared. Breakout session results will be presented and discussed by the workshop attendees. The discussions from the workshop will be used by the organizations when choosing, implementing, and deploying future pilot projects for remote electronic absentee voting systems for UOCAVA voters.

Position Paper Submissions

Participants are highly encouraged to submit position papers to set the stage for the workshop. Position papers will not be used to identify and select workshop speakers but to compile diverse viewpoints on the issues related to remote electronic absentee voting systems for military and overseas voters.

Position paper submissions should be provided electronically, in PDF, for standard US letter-size paper (8.5 x 11 inches) and not exceed 5 pages (single space, two column format with 1" margins using a 10 pt or larger font). Position papers will not be formally published but will be made available on the web. Please send submissions to workshop-uocava@nist.gov

Important Dates

Position Papers due: July 30, 2010

Registration deadline: July 26, 2010

Workshop: August 6-7, 2010

For further information, see http://www.nist.gov/itl/csd/ct/uocava_workshop_aug2010.cfm