November 11, 2008

To: Designated Public Assistance Agencies and State-funded Agencies Serving Persons with Disabilities

Re: Agency Compliance and Survey Update

The Colorado Secretary of State’s office would first like to thank all designated public assistance agencies and state-funded agencies serving persons with disabilities for reporting your voter registration statistics to our office. In order to remain in compliance with NVRA, agencies must, at a minimum, distribute voter registration application forms, assist applicants in completing the forms, and accept completed voter registration forms and forward them to the appropriate election offices even though the registration deadline for the 2008 General Election has passed.

In addition, please be aware that the NVRA Agency Reporting Survey has been updated. We have added an additional statement to section six, question two which asks, “How many clients checked the second box on the declination form to change their voter registration address?” If you are using the current form, please include answer to this question as it applies to the client. The new version of the form is available and can be ordered from our office.

It is also important to keep in mind that the only time a blank declination should be reported is when a client refuses to acknowledge that they do not want to register to vote. This number on the survey is typically low.

Lastly, the Colorado Secretary of State’s office will be reviewing if there will be a change in reporting dates and to discuss how often the survey should be completed. Until further notice, please to continue to complete the survey as required.

If you have specific questions regarding this correspondence or the survey, please contact Angela Lawson at a.lawson@sos.state.co.us or by phone at 303-894-2200 ext. 6304.