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October 26, 2007

**Via Facsimile and Overnight Mail**

The Honorable Mike Coffman  
Secretary of State, Colorado  
1700 Broadway  
Suite 250  
Denver, CO 80290

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Dear Secretary Coffman,

This letter is in response to your October 24, 2007 letter regarding my recent request to Mr. John Gardner to grant ES&S an extension to the October 24, 2007 deadline for providing the outstanding items necessary to complete the certification process. Please be assured we are still very much committed to completing this certification successfully and in advance of the November 16, 2007 deadline that has been established. Due to unforeseen circumstances requiring medical leave of ES&S' Colorado State Certification Manager, we were unable to complete the outstanding tasks in time to meet the October 24 date. Please accept my apologies. We have taken the necessary steps to assign the appropriate resources to complete the remaining tasks and get this effort back on schedule.

Following are our responses to the questions outlined in your October 24, 2007 letter:

1. *What personnel and administrative changes will be made by ES&S to ensure that the recertification process will be able to resume moving forward?*

Given the importance and urgency to complete the certification process in the timeline permitted, we have reassigned Mr. Kevin Kerrigan to manage this effort for the remainder of the certification testing. Kevin served as ES&S' Certification Manager in the original certification of this system that was tested and approved by your office on March 29, 2006. Kevin worked directly with John Gardner at that time as well as the initiation of the recertification effort earlier this year.

In addition, we have contracted the services of Mr. David Hughes to assist us in the completion of the outstanding documentary items identified presented to us on September 24<sup>th</sup>. Although recently retired from ES&S, David served as a member of the ES&S Certification Team for the past eight years and was recognized in the industry as an expert in the certification standards and processes. David has over 23 years of election experience and has been directly involved in all Colorado certifications in the eight years he served on the Certification Team.

2. *By what date will ES&S fully comply with the requests in the September 24<sup>th</sup> notice?*

It is our intent to have our initial response to the outstanding functional and documentation items to your office by close of business Tuesday, October 30, 2007.

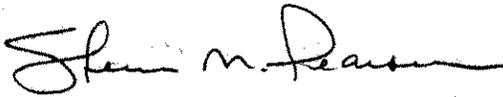
3. *What assurance does ES&S provide to the Testing Board that future deadlines will be met?*

I and my staff will do everything in our power to meet all future deadlines for this project. It is our goal to work closely with the Testing Board and in fact would prefer to have certification personnel on site during the certification testing to better support the testing process and enable us to address and mitigate issues as they arise.

ES&S would like to request resuming the testing in Denver the week of November 5, 2007. Kevin Kerrigan is available to be on site to complete all remaining functional testing and any necessary retesting to resolve the outstanding issues we believe resulted in error. We are committed to being on site as long is necessary to complete all testing. Please advise if this is permissible and instruct when Kevin should be at the Testing Board's location.

Again, we are committed to assisting your staff to complete the certification by November 16, 2007, allowing our customers full use of the ES&S voting systems for the Primary and General elections in 2008.

Sincerely,



Steve M. Pearson  
Vice President, Certification

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