

Communication from Al Kolwicz to the Uniform Voting System Public Participation Panel 9-17-13

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Subject: URGENT and VITAL

Dear Members of the UVS Panel,

Our members object to the Panel's dismissive position that, "we are not able to respond to each suggestion submitted, whether accepted or not".

For what reason is the Panel "not able to respond to each suggestion"? The Panel's official position is, "because of the volume of comments received." This position is an "excuse", it is not a "reason".

To refuse to take the time to complete all of the work is unprofessional, and will surely lead to a defective work-product and a future crisis.

In addition, by not responding to comments submitted by (in some cases highly knowledgeable) people, the Panel cuts off the opportunity for (i) clarification and (ii) debate. It is our belief that the Panel and their staff are not all-knowing, are ultimately accountable to the public, and must respond to the public.

Before releasing the RFP, we strongly advise the Panel to resolve all public comments, in particular the comments that we have offered.

It might help Panel members to read "The Mythical Man-Month". Among other things, Dr. Brooks reminds us all that the satisfaction of meeting a schedule by releasing a flawed product will always come back to bite us.

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