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Subject: RE: Confidential UVS responses to RFP? --public records request

Thanks for your reply.

1. We ask that the legal staff be instructed to protect the public's right to access all of the specifications and commitments that the Department receives in response to bids, and in any products licensed for purchase and use. We have problems using CORA to gain access to system documentation. The specifications and guides must be available to the public. Preferably in online files.
2. We have experience with vendors, HART for example, who have successfully blocked the public, including canvass boards and watchers, from accessing exported copies of the electronic files containing election definition, scanned cast-ballot images, interpretation of votes by ballot (including under and over vote), count of votes by contest including over and under votes by contest, ballot inventory, transaction and administrator logs, test inputs and outputs, etc. The specification of each of these files is needed long before an election, and preliminary copies of the actual files are required as soon as practical. As you know, it is not possible to analyze an election on paper alone – computer files are required. As a canvass board member, I have personally been forbidden access to these files. These are included in:

1-1-104(11) "**Election records**" includes **but is not limited to** accounting forms, certificates of registration, pollbooks, certificates of election, signature cards, all affidavits, mail-in voter applications, mail-in voter lists and records, mail-in voter return envelopes, voted ballots, unused ballots, spoiled ballots, and replacement ballots.

We have problems gaining access to electronic election files because we do not know the name of the file, or the specification of the content of the files. So some clerks play games to block us from gaining access using CORA.

3. May I assume that your statement in the RFP would make files such as HART's scanned voted ballot images and cast-vote-record files open to CORA? If more is required, we hope you will do all that is needed to make these files in time for the public to VERIFY the results before it is too late to request a correction or mount a challenge.

Al