



*U.S. Election Assistance Commission
and
Kennesaw State University's Center for Election Systems*

Invite you to attend:

State Certification of Voting Systems: Best Practices and Future Directions

A one-day summit meeting of voting system state test personnel, test labs and election officials

*September 23, 2011
Kennesaw, Georgia*

In an environment of increased expectations and diminishing resources, states must do more with less and that includes the testing of voting systems. This one-day meeting allows state voting system testers, test lab personnel and state and federal election officials to share best practices on strategies and methods to improve the effectiveness and decrease the cost of voting system testing. Attendees will share experiences on the development of testing protocols, reciprocity of testing results, integrating state and federal testing requirements, emerging technologies to assist in testing, improving vendor participation, bootstrapping a new testing program, working with VSTLs, and other topics of common interest. There is no charge to attend this conference. Attendees will receive a CD with all presentations at the conclusion of the conference. Attendance will be limited to the first 25 registrants.

Kennesaw State University is located 25 minutes north of Atlanta, Georgia, on the I-75 corridor (driving directions attached). Telephone or email notification is required for registration. Contact the Center for Election Systems at 770-2423-6900 or email Merle King at the address below.

Attendees will need to make their own reservations at nearby hotels (hotel list attached).

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Agenda

Thursday, September 22

3:00 pm Reception at Center for Election Systems

6:00 pm Dinner (group dinner at local restaurant)

Friday, September 23

8:00 am Welcome and Conference Overview
Election Assistance Commission and Center for Election Systems

8:30 am Introduction of attendees

9:00 am – 12:00 pm Presentations
Attendees will make 15- 30 minute presentations on topic of choice.

“Testing Ballot On-Demand Systems”
Merle S. King, Center for Election Systems

“Working With a Voting System Test Lab – Getting Started and What to Expect.”
Wyle Labs

“Integrating Test Efforts for Cost Savings and Product Improvement”
Brian Hancock, Election Assistance Commission

“Federal and State Testing: An Insider’s Perspective”
Joshua Franklin, James Long and Jessica Myers, Election Assistance Commission

“ECOs and State Certification Protocols: The Indiana Experience”
Jay Bagga, Ray Scheele, and Joe Losco, Indiana VSTOP
Others presentations to be added as attendees commit.

12:00 pm – 1:00 pm Lunch (Orders will be taken for local deli and delivered to Center)

1:00 pm – 2:30 pm Presentations (continued)

2:30 pm – 3:30 pm Roundtable Discussion

“Current issues in state-level certification of voting systems and goals for the future.”
This roundtable discussion will involve all attendees and seek to identify and prioritize common issues for research and resolution. Discussion of the benefit of follow-on conferences will conclude the roundtable.

3:30pm – 4:00 pm Closing Comments and Summary Statement
Brian Hancock and Merle S. King

4:00 pm Conference Adjourns

Additional Information

Driving Directions

KSU's Center for election system is located near exit 271 on Interstate 75, 25 miles north of Atlanta, GA. Detailed driving instructions can be found at the Center's website at <http://elections.kennesaw.edu/?q=content/directions>

Available Hotels

Most hotels will give a discount if told you are attending a KSU event:

SpringHill Suites

3399 Town Point Drive, Kennesaw, GA

0.4 mi S

(770) 218-5550

<http://www.marriott.com>

Fairfield Inn & Suites

3425 Busbee Drive, Kennesaw, GA

0.6 mi SE

(770) 427-9700

<http://www.marriott.com>

Embassy Suites

620 Chastain Road, Kennesaw, GA

0.8 mi E

(770) 420-2505

<http://WWW.embassysuites.com>