DoD AWARDS RESEARCH GRANTS FOR
MILITARY AND OVERSEAS VOTING SYSTEMS
Final recipients of grant program announced

ALEXANDRIA, Va. – September 30, 2013 – The Federal Voting Assistance Program (FVAP) is pleased to announce the second and final group of recipients of the Effective Absentee Systems for Elections 2 (EASE 2) research grant program. EASE 2 is the second round of grants from FVAP to States and localities to explore technological improvements for military and overseas citizen voters. The EASE 2 grants fund two research areas:

1) the development and effect of online blank ballot delivery tools, and
2) the establishment and effect of a single point of contact in a State election office for the transmission of election materials.

Election officials from States and local jurisdictions were eligible to apply for a grant. Data received from grant recipients will enable FVAP to gauge the effectiveness of grant-funded programs in expanding a voter’s ability and opportunity to successfully receive, cast and return an absentee ballot. Using grant funds to develop a system for the electronic return of a marked ballot is strictly prohibited.

Military and overseas voters from the following States, county and county consortiums will be able to access their blank ballot via online systems.

**States**
- Idaho ($250,000)
- Kentucky ($2,241,159)
- Nevada ($386,500)
- Rhode Island ($50,163)

**County**
- Travis County, Texas ($19,950)

**County Consortiums**
- **King County, Washington** received $1,818,700 to expand their five-county consortium established for the 2011 FVAP grant program, to a consortium of 11 Washington counties. The counties participating in this consortium are: Chelan, Clallam, Clark, Franklin, King, Pierce, San Juan, Skagit, Skamania, Whatcom and Yakima.

- **Kitsap County, Washington** received $743,580 for a consortium of 16 Washington counties. The counties participating in this consortium are: Adams, Asotin, Benton, Columbia, Cowlitz, Douglas, Garfield, Grays Harbor, Kitsap, Kittitas, Mason, Pacific, Pend Oreille, Snohomish, Thurston and Walla Walla.
Okaloosa County, Florida received $1,881,339 to expand their 13-county consortium established for the 2011 FVAP grant program, to a consortium of 34 Florida counties. The counties participating in this consortium are: Alachua, Baker, Bay, Bradford, Charlotte, Citrus, Clay, Collier, Duval, Escambia, Hernando, Highlands, Indian River, Jackson, Leon, Levy, Madison, Manatee, Martin, Miami-Dade, Nassau, Okaloosa, Okeechobee, Osceola, Pinellas, Putnam, St. Johns, Santa Rosa, Sarasota, Sumter, Suwannee, Walton, Washington and Wakulla.


Awards were previously announced for Arizona and Maryland. The Broad Agency Announcement (BAA) for the EASE 2 grant program was posted on grants.gov under H98210-13-BAA-0001 on May 10, 2013, and closed on June 25, 2013. The EASE 2 research grant program awarded a total of $10,531,898.

This completes the awards under the EASE 2 grant program.

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