

Information Technology Capital Investment Program
Project Status Report

To: Information Technology Strategy and Investment Committee
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Agency: Secretary of the State

Project: Secretary of the State: Democracy Initiatives

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Reporting Period: Project Inception through 06/30/2021

Total Funds Requested: \$4,000,000

Total Funds Allotted to Agency: \$4,000,000

Accumulative Total Capital Fund Expenditures to Date: \$45,000

Brief Project Description/Summary:

The projects are designed to protect the integrity of our elections, support our local election officials and promote voter confidence in democracy. The project will upgrade the principle election applications with modern coding. This will add security features, functionality that helps to streamline the workload of local officials and eliminate the risk associated with maintain legacy applications. SOTS will also evaluate the next generation of voting equipment. This is particularly important because our current equipment is nearing the end of its expected lifespan and is no longer manufactured. Voters will be provided with new tools to apply for absentee ballots, a robust tracking system for absentee ballots and new voter registration opportunities by expanding automatic voter registration. Finally, the creation of a data collection system for the state register and manual will allow SOTS to streamline a department that is critical to providing the public with essential information about their public officials.

Summary of Progress Achieved to Date:

An RFI for new tabulators will be posted in the coming weeks. An RFP for the replacement of the Central Voter Registration System is currently in development. The expert working group to evaluate the next generation equipment will be assembled and begin meeting this summer.

A project manager has been contracted for the Centralized Voter Registration and related systems.

Issues and Risks:

none

Next Steps & Project Milestones:

Release RFP for CVRS Replacement