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MODIFICATION OF THE ACCUVOTE AVTS-R6 DIRECT RECORDING ELECTRONIC VOTING SYSTEM CERTIFICATION

In July 2003, Diebold, Inc. of Canton, Ohio (formerly Global Election Systems of McKinney, TX) requested a review of changes made to their direct recording electronic system, marketed under AccuVote AVTS-R6 DRE Touchscreen. The previously certified system was configured as GEMS v.1.17.17, NASED N0306011717 and firmware release 4.0.13, NASED N010702-4315.

Diebold, Inc. has provided the necessary documentation for requesting a modification to an existing certification as stipulated in WAC 434-33-050. The documentation provided includes the list of changes made to the system and the Independent Testing Authority reports that document that the changes have been tested, that a thorough regression testing has been performed, and that the software/firmware source code has been reviewed. All tests necessary for the upgrade to be certified under the Federal Elections Commission Standards have been successfully completed.

After review of the documentation provided by Diebold Inc., under the provisions of RCW 29.33.041 and WAC 434-33-050, the Office of the Secretary of State hereby certifies the Diebold direct recording electronic system for use in the State of Washington with the following modified configuration:

Hardware

AccuVote AVTS-R6 DRE Touchscreen, firmware release 4.3.15, NASED N010702-4315

Software

Global Election Management System (GEMS), v.1.18.18, NASED N0306011818

All procedural requirements and restrictions specified in the original certification, dated September 6, 2002 remain in force.

Certified on this 12th day of August 2003

for SAM REED
Secretary of State

Notes regarding the Certification of the Global Accuvote AVTS-R6 System:

(1) RCW 43.07.020 provides, "...The assistant secretary of state and deputy secretary of state shall have the power to perform any act or duty relating to the secretary of state's office, that the secretary of state has, and the secretary of state shall be responsible for the acts of said assistant and deputy."

(2) Pursuant to Chapter 29.33 RCW, modification of an existing certified voting system which does not impair its accuracy, efficiency, or capacity or extend its function does not have to be tested, certified, and used in at least one other state or election jurisdiction. Secretary of State Sam Reed has proposed legislation to the 2004 Legislature to require certification of all voting system software changes including all modifications.