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TO: Wisconsin County Clerks
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SUBJECT: An Informational Update on the SVRS
Request for Information (RFI) for the SVRS Distributed

County and Municipal Clerks, as you may remember, earlier this year I established an Ad Hoc Study Team to determine how SVRS can be improved to increase functionality, efficiency, reliability and performance. In March and April, the Team held several listening sessions around the state to gather feedback from clerks regarding the SVRS. This feedback is being used to help the Government Accountability Board (Board) improve SVRS' overall performance.

As part of the SVRS planning process, we released a Request for Information (RFI) for the SVRS on August 18. This RFI seeks information from vendors in several areas, including services available to maintain and enhance the existing SVRS software; new replacement SVRS systems that may be available; services related to the management of the SVRS hardware and infrastructure; and, services that may be available to ease the burden of the upcoming Redistricting. No services will be purchased as a result of the RFI, as an RFI is specifically used to gather information only. However, information gained from the RFI process may be used to issue one or more service Requests for Proposal (RFPs).

The RFI is available on our website <http://elections.state.wi.us/docview.asp?docid=17385&locid=47>, and clerks are encouraged to review the documents if you are interested in what information is being gathered. A summary of the feedback that was gathered at the clerk listening sessions is also attached to the RFI as Appendix B.

We will continue to keep clerks informed as this process continues. Thank you for your unrelenting patience, continued support and cooperation.

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