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Secretary of State

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Donetta Davidson, Chair
US Election Assistance Commission
1225 New York Avenue, Suite 1100
Washington, DC 20005

Dear Chairman Davidson:

Texas respectfully requests the disbursement to the Texas Comptroller the fiscal year 2010 Requirements Payments for which Texas is eligible pursuant to the Help America Vote Act (HAVA) of 2002. The Texas Secretary of State does not propose material changes to the Texas State Plan filed in 2005. As outlined in the Texas certification to drawdown the 2008 and 2009 Requirements Payments, the state will continue to allocate the funding in four main categories based on percentages:

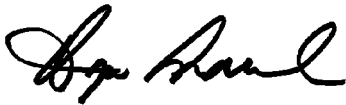
<u>Purpose Area</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>% of Funding</u>
1. State Plan Administration:	Overall administration of HAVA-funded activities, including staffing costs, technical support, training, and other costs associated with overseeing HAVA implementation.	2% - 5%
2. TEAM (statewide VR system):	Activities pertaining to the ongoing development, maintenance, and operation of the HAVA-compliant voter registration system, TEAM, developed in response to HAVA. Costs may also cover activities associated with county compatibility with TEAM.	10% - 20%
3. Grant to Counties:	Includes sub-grants to counties to continue compliance with Title III of HAVA, including ongoing maintenance and upgrades to HAVA-compliant voting systems. Other sub-grants to counties allow election officials and their staffs to attend election-related conferences, seminars, and training events.	65% - 75%
4. Election Worker Training and Voter Education:	Covers election official and election worker training programs – both printed material and online training tools. Voter education is intended to inform all Texas voters of their voting rights under the law, including the mandates imposed by HAVA. Methods to reach the voters include media spots, printed materials, and online tools.	5% - 10%

Certifications

Texas hereby certifies to the following and is eligible to receive payments under Title II, Section 251 of the Help American Vote Act (HAVA):

- Complied with the requirements referred to in section 253(b) of the Help America Vote Act of 2002.
- Filed and implemented a plan for uniform, nondiscriminatory administrative complaint procedures required by HAVA Section 402.
- Appropriated matching funds equal to five percent of the total amount of the HAVA requirements payment budget.
- Complied with the six laws listed in Section 906 of HAVA.
- Filed a state plan that complies with the requirements listed in Sections 254, 255, and 256 of HAVA.
- Certifies under Section 251 (b)(2) of HAVA that it has implemented the requirements of HAVA Title III and may use requirements payments for other activities to improve the administration of elections for federal office.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Hope Andrade". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Hope" and last name "Andrade" clearly distinguishable.

Hope Andrade
Texas Secretary of State