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Flawless Touch-Screen Voting with Voter-Verifiable Paper Audit Trail and 0% Residual Votes

Since the introduction of "Voter Verifiable Paper Audit Trail" (VVPAT) for touch-screen voting system by AVANTE VOTE-TRAKKER™ in March 2001, VVPAT has since become a nationally accepted gold standard for a trustworthy voting system. Many computer experts and voting experts such as David Dill, Peter Neumann, David Jefferson, Rebecca Mercuri, Avi Ruben, Kim Alexander, Bev Harris, Linda Franz and others have contributed to bring this security aspect of electronic voting system into the spotlight. It was interesting and striking that in a recent show survey by Lou Dobbs of CNN (February 17, 2004) that 88% responded that they do not trust any electronic voting without the voter verifiable paper audit trail.

Still many voting officials and opponents ignore many published results and continue to argue that there is no system that has proven to work using voter verifiable paper audit trail. AVANTE is happy to report that VOTE-TRAKKER™ had been used in five different elections since its introduction with outstanding success. The success of voter verifiable paper audit trail is reflected in more than 96.5% of voters feeling confident about their votes being cast correctly. This confidence level on voting system is dramatically higher than traditional punch-card system at less than 60% and 70% (Georgia data) for electronic voting systems without any paper records that are verified by the voters.

The most recent elections that this world's first proven voting system used flawlessly included four municipalities in Connecticut in the 2003 November elections. There was more than four thousand votes cast. Not a single paper record jammed occurred as some of the opponents voiced their concerns. All paper records were presented to voters and retrieved as audit trail after they have been reviewed and confirmed by the voters. The voter verifiable paper audit trail provided the evidence to the voters for the first time in their voting experience that their votes were cast correctly and counted correctly,

Besides the dramatic improvement in voter confidence, for the second time in voting history, 0% residual votes were achieved again in the Connecticut Elections. This 0% residual vote was achieved through the use of "one-way" approach in voter interface to guide the voters through the election process. In contrast to other electronic systems that typically recorded 2-12.3% of under-votes for President and US Senator races, the accuracy of VOTE-TRAKKER™ is unparalleled.

For more information on how this proven and certified technology can help you in managing your election, please visit www.vote-trakker.com or call 609-799-8896.