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**Board of Elections Announces Award for Voting Equipment to
Election Systems and Software (ES&S)**

*District to Replace Aging Voting Equipment With ES&S iVotronic
Featuring Voter-Verifiable Paper Audit Trail*

WASHINGTON, D.C. — The District of Columbia Board of Elections and Ethics announced today that it is replacing its aging fleet of voting machines with equipment from Election Systems & Software (ES&S) in time for the mayoral primary election to be held on September 14, 2010. The ES&S iVotronic features a Real Time Audit Log, visible to voters but located in a secure enclosure to the left of the iVotronic screen, that displays a paper printout of the voter's selections and acts as the official audit record of the election. Product fact sheets and an interactive demonstration are available online at:
http://www.essvote.com/HTML/products/ivotronic_rtal.html

As a part of the contract, the Board will also be replacing related equipment and software with products from ES&S, including Model 100 Precinct Scanners for tabulating paper ballots in each polling place and Model 650 High Speed Scanners for processing ballots cast by mail. The Board will soon announce the results of a separate competitive bidding process for electronic poll books that will replace the paper precinct rosters used for checking in voters on Election Day.

“The Board is pleased that a competitive bidding process has ensured that taxpayers will be getting the best value for their money in time for the primary election,” said Board chair Errol R. Arthur. The Board is spending less than \$1 million – less than a third of the budgeted amount – in federal funds provided under the Help America Vote Act. Under the terms of the contract, the District is paying ES&S \$918,072 for 200 iVotronic machines, 175 Model 100 precinct optical scanners, and two Model 650 high speed scanners with related software, peripheral devices and support.

“The purchase complies with the statutory deadline for voting equipment that offers a voter-verifiable paper audit trail two years ahead of the deadline in the Omnibus Election Reform Act,” said Executive Director Rokey W. Suleman, II.

A public demonstration of the new voting equipment will be held at the monthly Board meeting on Wednesday, April 7 at 10:30 a.m. in Room 280 North of One Judiciary Square, 441 4th Street N.W.

The District of Columbia Board of Elections & Ethics is the independent agency of the District government responsible for the administration of elections, ballot access and voter registration.



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New Voting Procedures in the District of Columbia: Voting Early, By Mail, or at the Polls on Election Day

Beginning with the mayoral primary on September 14, 2010, any voter in the District of Columbia may choose to:

Vote Early

August 30 –
September 13

Cast a ballot at the office of the Board of Elections using their choice of:

- The new iVotronic electronic voting machine
- A paper ballot



ES&S iVotronic

September 4 –
September 11

Cast a ballot at their choice of four locations using:

- The new iVotronic electronic voting machine
ONLY

Vote by Mail

Request a ballot and return it by mail. Absentee ballots can be postmarked until the date of the election or can be returned at any polling place on Election Day.

Vote at the Polls on Election Day

Cast a ballot at their assigned polling place using their choice of:

- The new iVotronic electronic voting machine
- A paper ballot



ES&S Precinct Scanner

Beat the Lines on Election Day -

Register or Update Your Voter Registration at www.dcboee.org.

Beginning in 2010, qualified residents can register to vote at any time – including at the polls on Election Day – but the Board recommends registering early. Applicants cannot register by mail or change an existing party registration within 30 days of an election. To register the same day, a voter must present a current and valid government photo identification, utility bill, bank statement, government check, paycheck, or other government document showing their current residence address and will be required to cast a ‘special’ or provisional ballot.