<h1 style="text-align:center">2024 Clearinghouse Awards Entry Form Text</h1>

Thank you for your interest in the U.S. Election Assistance Commission's 2024 Clearinghouse Awards! This competition is open to state and local election officials. Please use this form to submit your program or nomination. This year, we will be accepting entries in the following categories:

- **Accessibility**: Best Practices for Improving Accessibility for Voters with Disabilities

- **Communications**: Distinguished Voter Education and Communications Initiatives

- **Contingency Planning**: Exemplary Contingency Planning and Emergency Response Efforts

- **Election Administration**: Innovations or New Practices in Election Administration

- **HAVA Grants**: Outstanding Use of HAVA Grants in Elections Modernization

- **Poll Workers**: Best Practices in Recruiting, Retaining, and Training Poll Workers

- **Security**: Innovation and New Tools in Election Security and Technology

- **"I Voted" Stickers**: Creative and Original "I Voted" Stickers

Prior to entering, all entrants must read and agree to the contest rules in the section below. Once you begin your entry form, you are welcome to save your progress and return to complete your entry. **All submissions must be received by 11:59 pm ET on Friday, February 14, 2025.** If you have any questions, please email clearinghouse@eac.gov.

Contest Rules

Before entering the 2024 Clearinghouse Awards competition, all entrants must read and agree to the contest rules:

1. Only state and local government jurisdictions are eligible to be recognized.

2. Programs must have been active, implemented, or developed during the previous federal (two-year) election cycle.

3. Entries must include a fully completed entry form and conform to application requirements.

4. Entrants agree to allow winning submissions to be recognized by the EAC and featured in EAC press releases and events.

5. Programs may be disqualified for conflicts of interest or at the discretion of the EAC.

6. If a jurisdiction's entry is currently part of any legal proceedings or in litigation, the program will not qualify for consideration. If a jurisdiction's entry becomes part of any legal proceedings or in litigation, the jurisdiction must notify the EAC and Clearies program.

7. Winning programs may not be re-entered in subsequent competition years. Honorable mentions or non-awarded programs may be resubmitted in subsequent competitions if still active.

8. A single jurisdiction can receive no more than two awards in a given year. Jurisdictions are welcome to submit as many programs as they wish but may only receive awards for their top two submissions as scored by judges. The additional entries will be eligible for honorable mention recognition.

9. Jurisdictions may not receive awards in the same Clearies category in consecutive years.

10. Prior to submitting a nomination, the individual submitting the entry must attest that they have read and agreed to the above rules and supporting guidance, as noted with a checkbox on the EAC's submission portal.

Additional Guidelines

- Elections offices may nominate their own programs, nominate other programs, or be nominated by external organizations or the public.

- Programs should improve an office's ability to administer elections and conform to contest category descriptions as closely as possible.,

- In accordance with program objectives, all submissions will be posted to the EAC's website.

- Each category will be judged separately, with up to four (4) winners per category, plus Honorable Mentions.

- All entries will be judged by a panel of current or former election officials, comprised of EAC's FACA Board members.

Please read and agree to all contest rules before continuing.

Scoring Criteria

This year's competition will be judged based on the following criteria:

- **Creativity and Innovation**: Does the program demonstrate new ideas or use existing tools in creative ways? A high score indicates that the program is highly creative and includes new or innovative solutions.

- **Cost Effectiveness**: Does the program provide a good return on investment? This may be demonstrated by providing the overall cost (in time or resources) of running the program, or by comparing the overall cost with the number of voters served, staff time saved, or another metric. A high score indicates that the program is highly efficient or provides an excellent return on investment.

- **Can be Replicated by Other Offices**: Can the program be easily adapted to meet the needs of communities in other states? A high score indicates that the program can be easily adapted across jurisdictional boundaries and in other legal or logistical settings.

- **Meets Category Requirements**: How well-suited is the program with the category in which it was entered? A high score indicates that the program is well aligned to its category.

- **Improves Outcomes for Voters and Election Officials**: Does the program improve outcomes or provide excellent customer service to voters? Alternatively, does the program improve outcomes for election officials or staff members who adopt it? A high score indicates that the program does an excellent job of serving its intended audience.

Note: The scoring criteria above apply to all categories *except* "I Voted" Stickers, which will be judged based on creativity and originality of the design.

Entrant Information
Please enter your information below

- First Name
- Last Name
- Job Title
- State
- Email
- Phone Number
- **Office Name**: Please write the Elections Office's full official name as it should appear on the EAC's website (e.g., Jefferson County Clerk)
- Approximately how large is the population of the jurisdiction?
  - Less than 50,000
  - Between 50,000 and 250,000
  - 250,000 or larger
- Office Street Address
- Office City/State/Zip
- Official Social Media Handles (optional)
- Are you an election official or elections office employee submitting this form on your jurisdiction's behalf?
  - (If yes to the question above) Please enter your organization's name or your affiliation (if applicable)

Category Information
- Program Title
- Were HAVA Grant funds used in the execution of this program?
  - Yes
  - No
  - Unsure
- Please select the appropriate category for your entry:
  - Accessibility: Best Practices for Improving Accessibility for Voters with Disabilities
  - Communications: Distinguished Voter Education and Communications Initiatives

- Contingency Planning: Exemplary Contingency Planning and Emergency Response Efforts
- Election Administration: Innovations or New Practices in Election Administration
- HAVA Grants: Outstanding Use of HAVA Grants in Elections Modernization
- Poll Workers: Best Practices in Recruiting, Retaining, and Training Poll Workers
- Security: Innovation and New Tools in Election Security and Technology
- "I Voted" Stickers: Creative and Original "I Voted" Stickers

Entry Information (All Categories Except "I Voted" Stickers)

- Please provide a brief summary of your program.
    - This field is limited to 1,250 characters
- **Creativity and Innovation**: Does the program demonstrate new ideas or use existing tools in creative ways?
    - This field is limited to 1,250 characters
- **Cost Effectiveness**: Does the program provide a good return on investment? This may be demonstrated by providing the overall cost (in time or resources) of running the program, or by comparing the overall cost with the number of voters served, staff time saved, or another metric.
    - This field is limited to 1,250 characters
- **Can be Replicated by Other Offices**: Can the program be easily adapted to meet the needs of communities in other states?
    - This field is limited to 1,250 characters
- **Meets Category Requirements**: How does the program relate to the category in which it was entered?
    - This field is limited to 1,250 characters
- **Improves Outcomes for Voters and Election Officials**: Does the program improve outcomes or provide excellent customer service to voters? Alternatively, does the program improve outcomes for election officials or staff members who adopt it?
    - This field is limited to 1,250 characters
- Please include a link to any online materials (websites, forms, videos, etc.) that you would like to submit as part of your entry.
    - To submit more than one link, please provide those urls in the Comments section at the end of the survey.
- Uploading Additional Materials
    - If you have any additional materials that you would like to share with us, please add them to the folder provided in the survey. When uploading your files, please change the name of each file to match the following format:
        - **Category_State_OfficeName_FileName** (example: Accessibility_Michigan_OttawaCounty_PollingPlaceDiagram)
    - Please list each file's name in the text box provided. If no additional materials need to be uploaded, please enter N/A.

Entry Information ("I Voted" Stickers Category Only)
- Please provide a brief summary of your program.
    - This field is limited to 1,250 characters

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Comments
- Do you have any other comments you would like to share as part of your submission?