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U.S. Election Assistance Commission  
633 3rd Street NW, Suite 200  
Washington, DC 20001

Re: 2022 Indiana HAVA Election Security Grant

Dear Election Assistance Commission:

This letter provides a narrative of Indiana's plan to utilize the 2022 HAVA Election Security Grant Funds, and detail the investment the Indiana Secretary of State's Office will make to meet the federal match requirement. This Office is sincerely appreciative of accepting the release of \$1,293,215 in HAVA Election Security funds. These funds will be utilized to continue to invest in election security, upgrade voting equipment, and increase Indiana's voter education and outreach efforts.

After the 2016 Presidential Election, Indiana wasted no time in investing and modernizing cybersecurity practices. We began investing in the Indiana Statewide Voter Registration System (SVRS), partnering with the U.S. Department of Homeland Security, connecting with shareholders in assessing risk and vulnerabilities, developing best practices, and gaining access to 24/7 security briefings. This Office also joined Governor Eric J. Holcomb's Indiana Executive Council for Cybersecurity in 2017. The goal of the committee was to form an understanding of Indiana's cyber risk profile, identify critical priorities, establish a framework for cybersecurity initiatives, and leverage strategic partnership in both the public and private sector. The Indiana Secretary of State's Office is an essential part of the current Cybersecurity Council's Election Committee.

In 2018, Indiana conducted risk and vulnerability assessments across our election infrastructure, as well as table-top exercises with vendors, county officials, and state shareholders. In 2019, the Indiana Secretary of State's Office expanded cybersecurity trainings at the county and state level covering spear-phishing, security enhancements to password protects, hardening the validation tools require for SVRS user access, instituted multifactor authentication protocols, and migrated SVRS to a new hosting environment.

From 2019 to current day, Indiana has partnered with FireEye/Mandiant, a world-class cybersecurity firm, which has installed threat detection and prevention tools to secure the SVRS network throughout all 92 Indiana counties. FireEye has also been installing computer and network sensors across the vast majority of Indiana counties. FireEye provides our office rapid response and real-time threat detection briefings on what is happening in each Indiana county utilizing the threat detection. Thousands of cybersecurity attacks have been stopped throughout our state, because of our partnership with FireEye. We would like to thank the Indiana General Assembly for partnering with our office to make cybersecurity one of the most critical priorities

of our office. The current contract with FireEye runs through the end of 2022, with newly passed legislation expanding the program through 2028. **Indiana plans to use our 2022 HAVA Election Security Grant Funds toward our FireEye cybersecurity efforts.** We can increase our rapid response hours in the event of a cyberattack, invest in more hardware for counties, and offer more tools at the local level with this funding. Based on the summary above, FireEye has provided a critical need in securing our elections. This funding will allow the Indiana Secretary of State's Office to continue this effort. This office will meet the 20% state match (\$258,643) with current budgeted dollars within the current FireEye contract.

Another major investment that Indiana has made post 2016 is in Voter Verifiable Paper Audit Trails (VVPATs). With the majority of Indiana's voting systems being Direct Record Recording, Indiana understood the need to increase the physical security of voting equipment, which increases voter confidence. The Indiana Secretary of State's Office started this investment in 2019 with the previous 2020 HAVA Election Security Grant Funds, which funded 10% of VVPAT in each DRE county. This was a critical investment, because the VVPATs allowed for the DRE counties to have a post-election audit. Since that time, Indiana has conducted nearly a dozen post election audits. During the 2022 Indiana Legislative Session, this Office partnered with the Indiana General Assembly to make funding the remaining VVPATs across the state a top priority. **Indiana plans to use the 2022 HAVA Election Security Funds toward any remaining VVPAT purchasing, as well as any additional voting equipment upgrades.**

Finally, the Indiana Secretary of State's Office has expanded voter outreach efforts in recent years. This has occurred through various forms of marketing, such as social media, radio, television commercials, and mailers. Currently, this Office is working with with a marketing vendor with over fifty years of running successful marketing campaigns to help us achieve our goals of reaching voters from all aspects of life. **Indiana would like to utilize the 2022 HAVA Elections Security Grant funds toward voter education and outreach throughout the state. A second goal is to improve the Indiana state website via upgrades to allow for a more user friendly experience for voters.**

Indiana is working tirelessly to secure elections, increase voter confidence, and give voters the resources they need to be able to vote confidently and securely. Again, the Office is greatly appreciative of receiving this funding and look forward to implementing these funds for current projects.

Honored to Serve,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Holli Sullivan". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Holli Sullivan  
Indiana Secretary of State

EAC HAVA GRANT - BUDGET WORKSHEET

GRANTEE NAME: Indiana Secretary of State  
 AWARD TYPE: HAVA Election Security  
 PROJECT PERIOD START DATE: 03/23/18  
 PROJECT PERIOD END DATE: Until Expended

MATCH %:  
 INDIRECT COST % (IF APPLIED):  
 INDIRECT COST TYPE:

SECTION A: GRANT BUDGET	YEAR ONE	YEAR TWO	YEAR THREE	TOTAL:
FEDERAL AMOUNT	\$ 7,995,088.00	\$ 8,545,449.00	\$ 1,293,213.00	\$ 17,433,750.00
NON FEDERAL MATCH	\$ 379,754.00	\$ 1,709,090.00	\$ 258,643.00	\$ 2,347,487.00
TOTAL:	\$ 7,974,842.00	\$ 10,254,539.00	\$ 1,551,856.00	\$ 19,781,237.00

SECTION B: BUDGET CATEGORIES (Federal Only)	Voting Equipment	Voting Processes	Voter Registration Systems	Election Auditing	Cyber and Physical Security	Voter Education	Accessibility	Other (Provide description in this box) - Communications	Other (Provide description in this box)	TOTALS	% Fed Total
PERSONNEL										\$ -	0%
FRINGE RELATED TO SALARY										\$ -	0%
EQUIPMENT	\$ 8,328,525.10		\$ 240,000.00	\$ 863,530.40	\$ 323,303.25			\$ 200,000.00		\$ 9,955,358.75	57%
TRAINING								\$ 400,000.00		\$ 400,000.00	2%
CONTRACTUAL						\$ 323,303.25				\$ 323,303.25	2%
OTHER (Describe)			\$ 125,000.00							\$ 125,000.00	1%
OTHER (Describe)					\$ 6,630,088.00					\$ 6,630,088.00	38%
SUBGRANTS										\$ -	0%
TOTAL DIRECT COSTS	\$ 8,328,525.10	\$ -	\$ 365,000.00	\$ 863,530.40	\$ 6,953,391.25	\$ 323,303.25	\$ -	\$ 600,000.00	\$ -	\$ 17,433,750.00	100%
INDIRECT COSTS (if applied)										\$ -	0%
TOTAL PROGRAM BUDGET	\$ 8,328,525.10	\$ -	\$ 365,000.00	\$ 863,530.40	\$ 6,953,391.25	\$ 323,303.25	\$ -	\$ 600,000.00	\$ -	\$ 17,433,750.00	100%
PERCENTAGE BY CATEGORY	48%	0%	2%	5%	40%	2%	0%	3%	0%		

SECTION C: NON FEDERAL MATCH RESOURCES

SOURCE DESCRIPTION	STATE FUNDS	OTHER	TOTAL:
Appropriation from the State of Indiana for Cybersecurity Measures	\$ 2,347,487.00	\$ -	\$ 2,347,487.00
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	\$ 2,347,487.00	\$ -	\$ 2,347,487.00