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Executive Order 14019 Promoting Access to Voting



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Promoting Access to Voting Executive Order 14019

Section 7: Directs NIST to analyze barriers to private and independent voting and publish recommendations.

**Voter Registration &
National Voter
Registration Form**

Vote By Mail

Voting Technology

Polling Locations

Poll Worker Training

**Additional areas as
identified**

TIMELINE OF NIST'S EFFORTS

INFORMATION COLLECTION



COMPLETED:
March - July

- Discussions with stakeholders
- Review of publications, reports, and resources

REQUEST FOR INFORMATION



COMPLETED:
June - July

- NIST published 20 statements in the Federal Register
- Received 171 relevant responses

REQUEST FOR PUBLIC COMMENT



IN PROGRESS:
October - November

- NIST will publish draft document in the Federal Register for Public Comment

FINAL PUBLICATION



DUE DATE:
December 2

- NIST will publish a final report

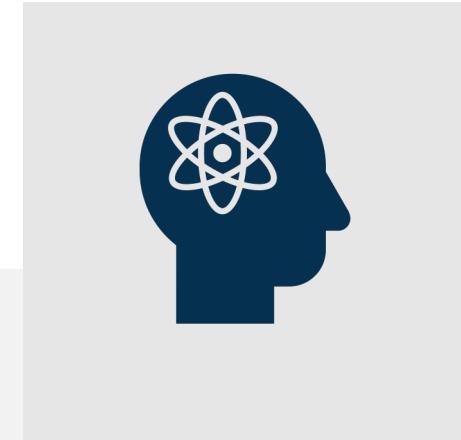
RFI RESPONDENTS

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DISABILITY ADVOCACY GROUPS

46 advocacy groups and associations



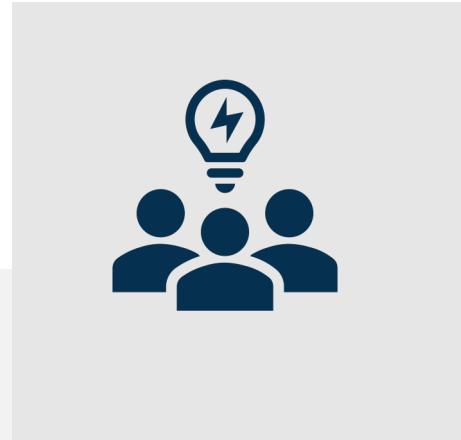
OTHER ORGANIZATIONS

3 vendors, 1 professional society, 1 policy institute



GOVERNMENT

4 government organizations across federal, state, and local level



INDIVIDUALS

116 individuals, largely voters with disabilities or caregivers



RFI THEMES

- 1. Privacy, independence, and equal access are of utmost importance to voters with disabilities.**
- 2. Many barriers exist for voters across a wide range of disabilities.**
- 3. More choices mean more accessibility and better design for all voters.**
- 4. Multiple standards, laws, guidelines, and best practices exist that increase accessibility.**
- 5. Accessibility and cybersecurity must work together.**

DRAFT REPORT OVERVIEW

Sec. 1 **Introduction**

Sec. 2 **Systemic Barriers to and Recommendations for Voting Accessibility**

Sec. 3 **Voter Registration and the National Mail Voter Registration Form**

Sec. 4 **Vote by Mail**

Sec. 5 **Voting Technology**

Sec. 6 **Polling Locations**

Sec. 7 **Poll Worker Training**



SYSTEMIC BARRIERS

- 1. Struggles to meet federal standards, laws, and guidelines that address accessibility for voters.**
- 2. Gaps in accessible communication and information.**
- 3. Inaccessibility of paper.**
- 4. Design of security solutions may not consider accessibility.**
- 5. Extra obstacles encountered by voters with disabilities.**



SYSTEMIC RECOMMENDATIONS

- 1. Create guidance to help address meeting federal standards, laws, and guidelines.**
- 2. Improve dissemination, outreach, and accessibility of voting information.**
- 3. Provide accessible options for the voting process.**
- 4. Integrate the disability community into all aspects of voting.**
- 5. Conduct research and development to promote access to voting.**

NEXT STEPS



PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

Public comment period opens in October for 30 days

See announcement and how to comment:

- Federal Register
- NIST's Voting web page



WE WANT TO HEAR FROM YOU!

Tell us your thoughts on the draft report and encourage stakeholder groups to provide feedback.



QUESTIONS ?

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Learn More:

<https://www.nist.gov/itl/voting>