

End-To-End Verifiable Internet Voting: Specification And Feasibility Assessment Study

People, Project and Action Update

January 8, 2014

Dear E2E VIV Project Participant,

Project Participant Updates

We welcome several new members to the team:

- Tech Team: **Dr. David Jefferson**, Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory
- LEO Team: **Dr. Lois H. Neuman**, Chair, Board of Elections, Rockville, MD
- Adv Council: **Dr. Filip Zagorski**, Assistant Professor of Computer Science, Wroclaw University of Technology

Unfortunately, Jim Tobias of Inclusive Technologies will not be able to participate due to health reasons. We will of course look for an additional usability expert to replace Jim.

CMU/Heinz Pre-Workshop Activity – Comparative Analysis of Existing E2E Systems

The Capstone Project Team of 4-6 graduate students from CMU/Heinz will begin work on Jan 13, 2014. Any assistance to direct them would be greatly appreciated. Please contact me directly to volunteer – I would be pleased to work together on this with another qualified professor/teacher/project manager. There is no time to waste.

The team will be asked to present their analysis as part of the start to the workshop meeting. You will be invited to give feedback at that time and thereafter.

The current plan is to have them start with a comparative analysis of existing E2E systems including Helios, Pret A Voter and Remotegrity. Support with documentation, reports, research and the actual software to examine is requested from all who may have access to it.

ACTION: Please contact me as soon as possible to arrange to have your system included in this analysis. If I have missed any systems/software that you believe should be evaluated and compared, please inform me.

Workshop Planning – do you want to be part of it?

We will soon meet together to kick-off the E2E VIV Project in our kick-off workshop. This is a crucial meeting for the project during which we will establish relationships, communication pathways, outline the program, the challenges we face and our action plans.

ACTIONS:

1. Those of you interested in the planning and/or facilitation of the workshop or a section of the workshop – please contact me directly to offer your input and support. The time is now.
2. We would also like to create a welcoming book to distribute at the kick-off meeting. To that end, we request that each participant send a photo and short biography of no more than two paragraphs to Judy Murray:
judy@overseasvotefoundation.org

Those not present will be invited to join us online through skype or google hangout.

Memorandum of Understanding

Paul McGuire, OVF Legal Counsel, has been working on an MOU for you to sign for your participation in the project. This is on a final round of review and then should be distributed to you, hopefully by the end of this week.

Summit 2014

Here is the current agenda for Summit:

<https://www.overseasvotefoundation.org/initiatives-UOCAVASummit-summit2014-agenda> – it is still being finalized, but our E2E project sections are fixed. We have an outstanding representative line-up around our project. Josh Benaloh will give a featured keynote presentation to introduce the general public to what we mean when we are talking about an E2E election, and Mary Brady of NIST will moderate a stellar roundtable with Keith Instone (usability). Ron Rivest (security), Philip Stark (auditability), and Duncan Buell (testing).

Registrations are at record levels and we expect to be at full capacity with 245 audience members. Judy will register all who are not currently on the list, as you will risk not having a seat.

Note that on the day of Summit, we will offer the E2E project team a boxed-lunch at the event location.

Live Webcasting: we plan to webcast Summit live. This will be helpful to all who are on the team, but unable to attend the meetings.

Travel and Hotel

Flights - For those who have sent travel receipts – we are working on reimbursement checks. In order to reimburse you, we must have your contact details including your correct title and mailing address. Please forward these to Judy Murray:
judy@overseasvotefoundation.org, if you have not done so already.

Hotel – if you do not have a local place to stay, we will include you on the hotel rooming list. If you have any questions on this, please contact
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Intergroup Communications

In an effort to prevent over saturation in communications, unless you are opposed to the idea, I will create subgroup email lists for the tech team, the advisory council , and the LEO teams.

Tech Writer

We will be hiring a tech writer for the duration of the project. Presently, we are hoping for a candidate from CMU, however, if you have a suggestion/recommendation, please let us know! Time is short.

Thank you all and have a great week!

Susan