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

People, Project and Action Update

November 27, 2013

Dear E2E VIV Project Participant:

Here is a short update letter with a list of logistical actions at the end.

We are making progress with the organization of our End-to-End Verifiable Internet Voting: Specification and Feasibility Assessment Study (E2E VIV Project) – including closing in on the list of team members, and refining the organization.

A lot of good feedback came from the last letter. It is clear that while everyone wants their meeting travel and expenses paid for, *most* people would rather include more experts and enjoy more opportunities to meet/interact than seek payment. There are some exceptions, of course, but overall, that discovery does change a few things. It does indeed allow us to include more people and organize more meetings. This has been discussed with the funder and as long as we deliver, we can organize as we see best.

There were quite a number of suggestions of additional people to include in the active, working group and the advisory board, which has kept us very busy talking to experts around the world. The list of team members has thus grown. Hopefully you see people you know and admire. We have worked to keep the participant list to highly qualified technical experts and election officials. It is exciting to see people come from around the world to join this project.

In the next few weeks, OVF will be sending you each a letter to confirm your commitment to the project.

**Project Announcements**

* **Democracy Fund Portfolio Page** <http://www.democracyfund.org/portfolio> - this will be updated to show our project. I have requested an approximate date for this.
* **EVN Monthly Call, Dec. 19th, 1PM ET** – If you are part of EVN, please plan to join the upcoming EVN call, which will be dedicated to this project. It would be great if a lot of our project voices chimed in on the discussion. There will no longer be an attendee limit, starting on that call. Please sign up when you see the notice.
* **Press Release** – in development.
* **Summit 2014** – see below.

**Project Kickoff and Travel Arrangements**

The E2E VIV Project Kick-Off Meeting will be held on **January 29-31**, 2014 in Washington, D.C. and we look forward to your attendance.

* **Workshop Days:**Wed. Jan. 29th and Fri. Jan 31st at Winston & Strawn, 1700 K. St. NW, 12th Floor, Washington DC. We will have several rooms, large and small and start at 9:00 a.m.   
    
  Estimated close of meeting time on Friday the 31st is 4:00PM – please try to make your travel for the evening versus leaving during the meeting.
* **Summit 2014**Thu. Jan. 30th is the day of the OVF/US Vote Annual Voting and Elections Summit 2014 – bridging our workshop days. The event will be held at the Jack Morton Auditorium at George Washington University. Currently, we have record sign-ups and expect a packed house – 245 people.

The morning session of Summit 2014 will be dedicated to **Grassroots Innovation in Elections**, and your presence is essential. We will feature the E2E VIV Project in this session and anticipate that the Democracy Fund will be present and one of the principals or their director will speak. In addition, you can expect a presentation on E2E and this project, followed by a roundtable discussion with project members. Positions are open....: -)

Also invited to give Special Featured presentations are Dean Logan, who will present the LA County VSAP, and Dana DeBeauvoir to present the STAR-Vote project.

* **Summit Hotel** – the hotel that we use for Summit is near to the workshop location and just a few blocks from the Summit location. This is the [Hotel Lombardy](http://www.hotellombardy.com). To get a good rate for the room block, we need to know if you will stay at this hotel, or if you will make your own arrangements. Please plan to arrive on Jan 28th.
* **Flights** – please identify your flights and send your itinerary for approval prior to booking to Judy Murray: [judy@overseasvotefoundation.org](mailto:judy@overseasvotefoundation.org). Reimbursements will be issued through OVF’s finance dept and you can send invoices to Richard Vogt, [richard@overseasvotefoundation.org](mailto:richard@overseasvotefoundation.org) with a copy to Judy.

**Our Team -** the following people are *confirmed* on our team. The categories are only in regards to specialties/expertise – please don’t consider them as limitations.

*Technical*

* Josh Benaloh
* Rui Joaquim
* Doug Jones
* Olivier Pereira
* Vanessa Teague
* Dan Wallach
* Poorvi Vora

*Testing*

* Duncan Buell
* Andrew Regenshied

*Auditing*

* Philip Stark

*Usability*

* Keith Instone
* Noel Runyan
* Jim Tobias

*Local Election Officials*

* Rachel Bohman - Hennepin County, MN
* Dana Debeauvoir - Travis County, TX
* Dean Logan – Los Angeles County, CA
* Tammy Patrick - Maricopa County, AZ
* Roman Montoya - Bernalillo County, NM
* Maggie Toulouse Oliver - Bernalillo County, NM

*Advisory Council*

* Ben Adida
* Michael Clarkson
* J. Alex Halderman
* Candice Hoke
* Aggelos Kiayias
* Ron Rivest
* Peter Ryan
* John Wack
* David Wagner

**Action Items for You:**

1. We have your name☺, but would be grateful if you would confirm various other contact details. Please email Judy Murray, [judy@overseasvotefoundation.org](mailto:judy@overseasvotefoundation.org), with the following:

* Professional Title / Mailing Address / Office Tel Number / Mobile Tel Number / Email Address / Skype and any other contact info for you and your admin.

1. If you see any inaccuracy in the team list above, please let us know.
2. **Kick-Off Meeting:** Wed. Jan. 29 – 31 Jan. 2014 – please inform us of your plans:

* Arrival Date (please plan to arrive on Jan 28th.)
* Departure Date (the meeting will last till 4pm on the 31st.)
* Should we book a room for you at the Hotel Lombardy
* If there is any issue with buying your ticket and claiming reimbursement afterwards, along with any other travel expenses, please let us know.
* Please submit an estimate for your flight/travel for pre-approval.
* The standard travel policy for the E2E VIV Project is economy class.
* Notify Judy of any special needs you may have including dietary requirements.

Note – if you would like to assist in defining the agenda and breakouts for the meeting, we would be grateful for any input.

1. **Summit 2014 Registration** – Please [Register](http://www.etouches.com/summit2014) for Summit through our online system [www.etouches.com/summit2014](http://www.etouches.com/summit2014) . We need this for the nametags and capacity planning.
2. **Seeking a Technical Writer** – if you would like to propose yourself, or recommend another person to be our chief technical writer on the project, we would appreciate any leads. This would be a paid position and require considerable time.

We look forward to meeting and working with you – the Kickoff promises to be a great event all around! We’ll be sure to take care of meals, breaks, etc. If you have special requests, or ideas, send them along. *(We have noted the “wasabi peanuts”!)*

Should you have any questions or concerns, do not hesitate to contact us.

With best regards,

Susan Dzieduszycka-Suinat and Judy Murray  
U.S. and Overseas Vote Foundation