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Specification And Feasibility Assessment Study

Tech and LEO Team Update – April 15, 2014

**Dear E2E VIV Tech and LEO Team members,**

Spring is a busy time for all of us: The Overseas Vote Foundation team continues the important work of the foundation during the primary season and the run up to the midterm elections in November, the LEO team members are busy administering primary elections, and our academic team members are busy completing the academic year. Despite our additional commitments, I would like to commend all of you for your continued support of our project. Because of your efforts, we are beginning to make important progress.

**Project Update: Skype Calls**

Judy has been contacting all team members to arrange a Skype call to check on project status. She has talked with the majority of the team, however, if you have not yet spoken to Judy, please know she will be contacting you shortly.

**Redmine**

We have completed the process of establishing a project management system with the assistance of our associates, Bear Code. Everyone on the team should now have access to this system. If you continue to have difficulties with access to Redmine, or have other Redmine user issues, please get in touch with Judy: [judy@overseasvotefoundation.org](mailto:judy@overseasvotefoundation.org)

Redmine is a highly interactive system designed to maximize team member input. Of particular importance is the Forum area that facilitates team discussion concerning various aspects of our project. If there is a topic of particular interest to you, make certain you ‘watch’ that topic. By selecting this option, you will be notified every time there is a post related to your topic of interest. Alternatively, if you believe there is a topic missing, feel free to add a new Forum. We rely on your expertise to keep our project moving forward.

**Project Outline/Table of Contents and Collaboration Guidelines**

On the Wiki area of Redmine is a working Project Outline/Table of Contents for the final report of the E2E VIV project. This is a flexible document. We need further input concerning this document and welcome your comments. There have already been several iterations of the Project Outline. To view those, select ‘History’ in the upper right corner of the Wiki.

Where it has been agreed, the contributors for the various sections have been listed on the Project Outline. In certain cases where the contributing team is large, we suggest nominating a Primary Editor to facilitate the collaborative process related to that section.

A link can be created for each section of the Project Outline that allows contributors to post the working text of their section. Other contributors on the specific teams can then add to that text. All versions of a linked section can be viewed by selecting ‘History’ in the upper right corner of the parent Wiki page.

**Setting Target Dates**

One responsibility of OVF is to manage the E2E VIV project to ensure it is delivered on time. At this point, we are most concerned with the development of source materials for the various report sections, which afterward, can be handed to the technical writer to bring the work together into a cohesive report. It is therefore important for us to layout a schedule for first drafts of report sections, reviews and second rounds. Ideally, we would like to see at least the first round of materials collected and written by the end of June, allowing enough time for reviews and further development. We will need your input to rough out this timeline.

**State Election Official Additions to Our Team**

Thanks to the efforts of Tammy Patrick, several new State Election Officials will be joining our team:

* *Lori Augino* - Director of Elections, Washington State
* *Matt Masterson* - Deputy Elections Administrator, The State of Ohio
* *Judd Choate* - Director of Elections, The State of Colorado

These additions are significant due to the links with the National Association of State Election Directors (NASED). State level representation on our project is critical to fulfilling the opportunities this project presents:

* Offer specific guidance to the election community regarding online voting
* Become more closely involved with related projects around the country
* Cast our group in a constructive, collaborative light
* Drive the public relations/messaging aspects of questions concerning Internet voting

An introductory concall is scheduled with these officials for May 1st, after which we look forward to introducing them to all of you and opening Redmine access to them.

**Capstone Team Update**

The Capstone Project Team’s E2E system analysis will be complete on May 2, 2014. Susan will be in Pittsburgh for the final Capstone Team presentations. Posting and availability of the materials will be discussed and agreed with the team, and you will all be kept informed.

**Project Participant Updates**

Tech Writer: We continue to consider Dr. Joe Kiniry of Galois as a tech writer to interface with the entire team after the individual team contributions are complete. If you have other recommendations/contacts, please contact both Susan and Judy.

Thank you all for your continued work and support of the project,

Susan