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ES&S Failed to Disclose Manila Manufacturer to Fed Agency

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Per [the previous post](#) about a manufacturing facility in the Philippines that has been assembling voting machines for Election Systems & Software, it appears that ES&S failed to disclose the foreign facility's role in assembling its voting machines to the Federal Election Assistance Commission.

The EAC is newly in charge of overseeing the testing and certification of voting machines. As part of that process, voting machine companies are required to disclose the names and locations of all of their manufacturing and assembling facilities. But, according to [a letter the EAC sent to ES&S today](#) (pdf), ES&S failed to disclose the existence of the Manila sweatshop that has been assembling its machines for several years, although the company did submit a list of other manufacturing facilities involved in making its machines.

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In addition, the inquiries from election boards have started.