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February 28, 2006

Mr. Paul DeGregorio
Elections Assistance Commission
United States Election Assistance Commission
1225 New York Avenue N.W., Suite – 1100
Washington, DC 20005

Via Fax Number 202-566-1392

RE: 2005 Financial and Narrative Reports

Dear Chairman DeGregorio:

Enclosed are Mississippi's compliance reports for the Help America Vote Act of 2002. Attached please find our narrative and financial reports for Section 101 and 102 for calendar year 2005.

If you have any questions, please call my office at (601) 359-1350. Thank you.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Eric Clark", written over a horizontal line.

ERIC CLARK
Secretary of State

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Attachments (4)

**FINANCIAL STATUS REPORT
(Long Form)**

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(Follow instructions on the back)

1. Federal Agency and Organizational Element to Which Report is Submitted Elections Assistance Commission		2. Federal Grant or Other Identifying Number Assigned By Federal Agency 39.011 Election Reform Payments Sec: 101		OMB Approval No. 0348-0039	Page of 1 1 pages
3. Recipient Organization (Name and complete address, including ZIP code) Secretary of State, PO Box 136, Jackson, MS 39205-0136					
4. Employer Identification Number [REDACTED]		5. Recipient Account Number or Identifying Number [REDACTED]		6. Final Report <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No	
7. Basis <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Cash <input type="checkbox"/> Accrual					
8. Funding/Grant Period (See instructions) From: (Month, Day, Year) 8/1/2003		To: (Month, Day, Year)		9. Period Covered by this Report From: (Month, Day, Year) 1/1/2005	
				To: (Month, Day, Year) 12/31/2005	
10. Transactions:					
		I Previously Reported	I This Period	III Cumulative	
a. Total outlays		51,483.12	178,905.91	230,389.03	
b. Refunds, rebates, etc.				0.00	
c. Program income used in accordance with the deduction alternative				0.00	
d. Net outlays (Line a, less the sum of lines b and c)		51,483.12	178,905.91	230,389.03	
Recipient's share of net outlays, consisting of:					
e. Third party (in-kind) contributions				0.00	
f. Other Federal awards authorized to be used to match this award				0.00	
g. Program income used in accordance with the matching or cost sharing alternative				0.00	
h. All other recipient outlays not shown on lines e, f or g				0.00	
i. Total recipient share of net outlays (Sum of lines e, f, g and h)		0.00	0.00	0.00	
j. Federal share of net outlays (line d less line i)		51,483.12	178,905.91	230,389.03	
k. Total unliquidated obligations					
l. Recipient's share of unliquidated obligations					
m. Federal share of unliquidated obligations					
n. Total Federal share (sum of lines j and m)				230,389.03	
o. Total Federal funds authorized for this funding period				3,673,384.00	
p. Unobligated balance of Federal funds (Line o minus line n)				3,442,994.97	
Program income, consisting of:					
q. Disbursed program income shown on lines c and/or g above					
r. Disbursed program income using the addition alternative					
s. Undisbursed program income				131,567.05	
t. Total program income realized (Sum of lines q, r and s)				131,567.05	
11. Indirect Expense					
a. Type of Rate (Place "X" in appropriate box) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Provisional <input type="checkbox"/> Predetermined <input type="checkbox"/> Final <input type="checkbox"/> Fixed					
b. Rate		c. Base		d. Total Amount	
				e. Federal Share	
12. Remarks: Attach any explanations deemed necessary or information required by Federal sponsoring agency in compliance with governing legislation.					
13. Certification: I certify to the best of my knowledge and belief that this report is correct and complete and that all outlays and unliquidated obligations are for the purposes set forth in the award documents.					
Typed or Printed Name and Title Eric Clark, Secretary of State				Telephone (Area code, number and extension) 601-359-6338	
Signature of Authorized Certifying Official 				Date Report Submitted February 24, 2006	

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2005 Status Report on Section 101 (b) Help America Vote Act Compliance Activities
Mississippi Secretary of State's Office
Elections Division

Fund Administration §101(b)(1)(B)	\$	285.72
Training §101(b)(1)(D)		
Equipment	\$	4,952.00
Commodities	\$	5,879.51
Contractual Services	\$	145,102.85
Travel	\$	22,685.83
Total	\$	178,905.83

To meet the requirements of HAVA, Mississippi successfully implemented a Statewide Elections Management System (SEMS) and 77 counties are acquiring a uniform touchscreen voting system to replace non-HAVA compliant systems. This transition necessitated meetings across the state with election officials, special interest groups, the disabled community and general public.

Explanations:

Equipment. A PowerPoint Projector and Laptop are used in presentations to educate elected officials and the general public about HAVA requirements, the need for new voting systems, how to demonstrate and use the new voting systems. This equipment was instrumental in that successful effort.

Commodities, Contractual Services, and Travel. In order to comply with the HAVA requirements of education, training, and improving voting systems the Mississippi Secretary of State's office conducted numerous presentations across the state with election officials, special interest groups, the disabled community and general public in 2005. This necessitated direct use of HAVA funds for printing briefing materials, supplies, working luncheons, and meeting expenses. This educational outreach effort is crucial to the successful implementation of HAVA.