

Voter Registration Software Survey

Please print and fill out survey and mail to;

*NOTE: please send along any manuals, brochures or other information that might be helpful.

Basic Technical Questions:

1. What operating system is required to run your system (from Server Side).

Windows NT

Windows 2000

Mini Based OS (AS400, Alpha, etc.) Comments: _____

Novell Network--Version: _____

2. What operating system can be used on the workstation side?

MS DOS

Windows 95/98

Windows NT

Windows 2000

Windows XP

Other Please Specify:

EIMS for Windows utilizes Terminal Services which allows for any Windows operating system.

3. What database is used to store information?

Windows SQL Server: version MS SQL 2000

Oracle: Version _____

Sybase: Version _____

Other Please Specify: _____

Is the data ODBC Compliant: YES _____ NO _____

4. What Programming Language(s) are used in the your application:

Microsoft Visual Basic, Microsoft C

5. Does your application consist of a single executable or several executables for each module (i.e. program for absentee, program for pollworkers, etc.)?

One application executable, with a variety of specialized process executables for handling a specific process like file extracts, voter history updates, or Image Scanning.

6. Does your system allow scanning and storing of signature images and voter registration cards? YES X NO

7. If YES, do you use any type of imaging software or imaging subsystem? Please explain your system for storing and managing images. If you store images as raw .tif files in directories in your server, please inform us of that.
The ScanStation Application is a customized imaging solution that operates seamlessly within the EIMS for Windows environment. DFM Associates has worked diligently to gain the most efficient throughput of image data and has created a simple and easy to use interface. All images are stored as .tifs in a Microsoft SQL Server database which provides an easily manageable method for storing a large number of images. Besides storing registration cards and signature images, the ScanStation Application can also be used to attach supporting documents to voter records as well as maps and pictures to Polling Place records.

8. Does the imaging system run on a different platform such as DOS, or is it Windows based? If so, what version is required?

The imaging component runs on MS Windows version 2000 or higher.

9. What report writer does your system use (Crystal Reports, Access, etc.)

Crystal Reports v8.5 or higher.

10. Does your Report Module allow for the creation of "ad hoc" reports. If so, please explain how this is accomplished. For example, does the end user have the ability to place fields on the report and arrange them as desired?

EIMS[®] for Windows does not provide a customized user interface to create reports on an "ad hoc" basis. There are over 350 Reports and numerous extract Jobs available in EIMS[®] for Windows that are tailored to the functions of an elections office. The County can request any reports that are not already provided by the system. EIMS[®] for Windows is an open system supporting reporting tools such as Seagate Crystal Reports and the County may opt to create ad hoc reports using such a tool. However, DFM Associates does not provide Crystal Reports Training or Support.

Basic Company Information:

How long has your firm been in the voter registration business 25?

How many employees at your firm 20?

How many support representatives do you have 6?

How many counties or jurisdictions are running your VR software 21?

List the States/cities where you maintain support staff.

DFM Associates conducts business from its headquarters, a two-story building, located in Irvine, California. The location accommodates a staff of more than twenty members performing administrative services, software product development, as well as software and hardware client support.

DFM Associates has a customer support staff that responds to customer calls. During business hours from 7:00 AM to 6:00 PM Pacific Time, calls are taken immediately by one of the customer support personnel. From 6:00 PM to 7:00 AM, Pacific Time, a customer support staff member can be reached by means of a cell phone.

List the States where your VR product is in use:

California
Oregon

What is the largest county (voter count) that your VR product serves, and how many registered voters are in that county?

Orange County, California Approx. 1.2 Million Active Voters

Does your firm also provide tabulation services or systems? NO

Are you developing software that would allow you to sell statewide voter registration systems?

Yes. DFM Associates is currently in development of a statewide application to interface with our EIMS for Windows application. Please see the accompanying brochure.

VR Modules:

Please check if you system has a module for each core VR Function:

Voter Registration

Boothworker or Pollworker maintenance (assigning, recruiting, paying, pollworkers).

Absentee Voting

Petition Processing

Election setup (ballots, candidates and issues, etc.)

Signature capture

Other imaging products such as registration card scanning, pollbook scanning, etc.

Polling Place Module (recruit, staff, pay polling locations).

Please forward any brochures or manuals you wish to:

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