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# DHS HOLDS CLASSIFIED BRIEFING FOR PRIVATE SECTOR ELECTION COMPANIES

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## National Protection and Programs Directorate

Washington – Senior officials from the U.S. Department of Homeland Security (DHS) met today with members of the Sector Coordinating Council (SCC) for the Election Infrastructure Subsector and conducted a **classified briefing** on the current cyber threat landscape for the election community. The SCC was chartered in February 2018 to provide a framework for the federal government’s engagement with private sector members of the election community, including equipment vendors, e-poll book providers, and other election service providers. Through the SCC, DHS and member organizations have built a trusted public-private partnership to share threat information, exchange best practices, and collaborate on exercises and incident planning.

“Sharing information is one of the key ways the Department of Homeland Security supports both our public and private sector partners in our shared effort to keep the nation’s elections secure and resilient,” said **Deputy Under Secretary for the DHS National Protection and Programs Directorate** Matthew Travis. “Today’s briefing is another great example of the growing partnership between DHS and the election sector, as we all work together to ensure that come Election Day, Americans’ votes will be counted as cast.”

“Election industry organizations are united with DHS and other government partners in efforts to fortify our collective readiness for November,” said Kay Stimson, co-chair of the SCC and Vice President of Government Affairs for **Dominion Voting Systems**. “Having a clear understanding of current threats against election infrastructure, as well as the defenses that exist, helps to inform important security decisions at all levels.”

“The Sector Coordinating Council is pleased to be working closely with the Department of Homeland Security to further the integrity of America’s voting infrastructure,” said Kathy Rogers, co-chair of the SCC and SVP of **Elections System & Software**. “The issues we are addressing are vital to our nation’s democracy, and the dedication to the coordination, transparency and progressive thinking by all involved in this effort is encouraging. I believe we are breaking new ground that will lead to even more secure and accurate elections across our great nation.”

Today’s briefing, which was not due to any specific threat, was part of the department’s ongoing security dialogue with the election community. This includes regular meetings with both the SCC and the Government Coordinating Council, the establishment of the Election Infrastructure Information Sharing and Analysis Center

(EI-ISAC) to share real-time information across the sector, providing ongoing technical services, and incident response planning, training and exercises.

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# GOVERNMENT FACILITIES SECTOR - ELECTION INFRASTRUCTURE SUBSECTOR: CHARTERS AND MEMBERSHIP

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Below is the membership list for the Government Facilities Sector - Election Infrastructure Subsector

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- Election Infrastructure Subsector Sector Coordinating Council Charter - 2020

## Membership

### Government Coordinating Council

- Clay County, Florida
- Clayton County, Georgia
- Colorado Springs, Colorado
- Commonwealth of Massachusetts, Office of the Secretary of the Commonwealth
- Crow Wing County, Minnesota
- Escambia County, Florida
- Harris County, Texas
- Jackson County, Oregon
- Office of the Secretary of State,
  - Colorado
  - Florida
  - Iowa
  - Louisiana
  - Michigan
  - New Jersey
  - New Mexico
  - Ohio
  - Rhode Island
  - Tennessee
  - Washington
- Ohio Emergency Management Agency
- Orange County, California
- State Board of Elections, Maryland

- State Election Commission,
  - South Carolina
  - Wisconsin
- U.S. Department of Commerce
  - National Institute of Standards and Technology
- U.S. Department of Defense
  - Federal Voting Assistance Program
- U.S. Department of Homeland Security
  - Cybersecurity and Infrastructure Security Agency
- U.S. Department of Justice
  - Federal Bureau of Investigation
- U.S. Election Assistance Commission
- United States Postal Inspection Service
- United States Postal Services
- Weber County, Utah

## Sector Coordinating Council

- Amazon Web Services (AWS)
- Arrikan, Inc./Chaves Consulting, Inc.
- Associated Press (AP) Elections
- Ballottrax (i3logix, Inc.)
- BlueCrest
- Canton Group, The
- Civix
- Clear Ballot Group
- CyberDefenses, Inc.
- Democracy Live
- Democracy Works
- DemTech Voting Solutions
- DMF Associates
- Dominion Voting Systems
- ElectionIQ
- Election Systems & Software (ES&S)
- Electronic Registration Information Center (ERIC)
- Freeman, Craft, McGregor Group
- Hart InterCivic
- KNOWInk
- K&H Election Services
- Microsoft
- Microvote General Corp.
- NTS Data Services
- Pro V&V
- Runbeck Election Services
- Ryder Election Services
- SCYTL
- SeaChange Print Innovations
- SLI Compliance
- Smartmatic
- Tenex Software Solutions

- Unisyn Voting Solutions
- Victor Envelope Company
- Voatz
- VOTEC
- Votem
- Voting Works
- VR Systems

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# **Election Infrastructure Subsector Coordinating Council Charter**

## **Version 1.2**

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Updated 2/9/2020

## **SECTION 1 – Official Designation**

This charter has been developed as a dynamic document intended to clarify and inform the organizational structures, function, and operating procedures for the organization to be known as the Election Infrastructure Subsector Coordinating Council, abbreviated as the “EISCC.”

## **SECTION 2 – Mission and Purpose**

The mission of the Council is to advance the physical security, cyber security, and emergency preparedness of the nation’s election infrastructure, in accordance with existing U.S. law. This mission will be accomplished through voluntary actions of the infrastructure owners and operators represented in the Council, as set forth in Presidential Policy Directive/PPD-21 and related authorities.

The EISCC will serve as the principal asset owner interface with other private critical infrastructure sectors as well as with the Department of Homeland Security (DHS), the U.S. Election Assistance Commission (EAC), the state, local and tribal governments (SLTTs), and the Election Infrastructure Subsector Government Coordinating Council (GCC).

## **SECTION 3 – Objectives and Scope of Activity**

The key objectives of the EISCC are to:

- Serve as the primary liaison between the election subsector and federal, state, and local agencies, including the Department of Homeland Security (DHS), concerning private election subsector security and emergency preparedness issues;
- Facilitate sharing of information and intelligence about physical and cyber threats, vulnerabilities, incidents, and potential protective measures;

- Coordinate with DHS and the EIS GCC to develop, recommend, and review sector-wide plans, procedures, and effective practices in support of infrastructure protection, including training, education, and implementation;
- Represent the election subsector in discussions with other infrastructure sectors, as well as with the EIS GCC, on matters of threat, security, risk analysis, emergency preparedness and response, and other related matters;
- Identify and communicate priorities, obstacles or impediments to effective critical infrastructure security and resilience protection programs and develop/recommend to appropriate authorities actions to mitigate them;
- Provide a mechanism to ensure that the specialized knowledge and expertise of sector operators, owners, and other pertinent representatives is available as a resource.

The EISCC is not designed to create the terms of any solicitation or contract vehicle, and any appearance of its use or actual use to this end could bar an entity involved therein from competition in the contract.

## **SECTION 4 – Membership**

Membership in the Council is available to any owner or operator<sup>1</sup> with significant business or operating interests in U.S. election infrastructure systems or services, as defined by the January 2017 Department of Homeland Security Critical Infrastructure Declaration:

*“By ‘election infrastructure,’ we mean storage facilities, polling places, and centralized vote tabulations locations used to support the election process, and information and communications technology to include voter registration databases, voting machines, and other systems to manage the election process and report and display results on behalf of state and local governments.”*

Each member entity shall appoint a member representative to the EISCC in accordance with that entity’s guidelines for such appointments.

The Council represents the owners and operators of the election subsector as defined.

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<sup>1</sup> “Critical infrastructure owners and operators are those entities that own and invest in infrastructure assets, in the systems and processes to secure them, and that are held responsible by the public for their operations and response and recovery when their infrastructures or key resources are disrupted.” Charter of the Critical Infrastructure Partnership Advisory Council, November 30, 2016.

## 1. Member Affiliations

Members of the EISCC include entities (companies, organizations, or components thereof) whose services, systems, products or technology are used by (or on behalf of) State or Local government in administering the U.S. election process.

Such entities should have demonstrable working relationships with federal, state, or local election officials, which may include verifiable registration/accreditation with the U.S. Election Assistance Commission, and/or relevant contractual relationships with SLTT government election offices. Entities whose primary assets are elections-related may be considered for membership.

Each Member representative shall serve until the end of their tenure with their appointing entity, or until the entity self-reports a change in its representation.

The Members of the EISCC can remove a member on two thirds vote of the full membership.

Organizing Members of the EISCC include:

Associated Press (AP) Elections	PCC Technology Inc.
BPro, Inc.	Pro V&V
Clear Ballot Group	Runbeck Election Services
Crosscheck	SCYTL
Democracy Live	SLI Compliance
Democracy Works	Smartmatic
Demtech Voting Solutions	Tenex Software Solutions
Dominion Voting Systems	Unisyn Voting Solutions
ELECTEC Election Services Inc.	VOTEC
Election Systems & Software	Votem
Electronic Registration Information Center	VR Systems
Everyone Counts	
Hart InterCivic	
MicroVote General Corp.	

Ex-Officio (Non-Voting) Members of the EISCC include:

IT-ISAC Election Industry Special Interest Group (EI-SIG)



## **2. Evaluation of Eligibility for Membership**

A prospective Member may petition for membership (or reinstatement) by e-mailing a request to the Chair/Vice Chair for Council consideration. Entities whose main purpose of business or operation is not primarily elections must submit a Statement of Interest to clearly outline their reasons for seeking participation, their ability to meet Council membership criteria, and any current or contemplated election projects. The Council's voting members will vote on the request and acceptance is based on a simple majority.

Membership application votes will occur at in-person meetings, which must be held at least twice per year, according to this Charter. The casting of such votes should ideally be conducted in a manner to allow for privacy and anonymity. A completed application shall be placed on the agenda of the next occurring in-person Council meeting. If no in-person meetings are scheduled within ninety (90) days of receipt, the Chair/Vice Chair shall call a special in-person meeting for the purpose of evaluating the application(s), or arrange for an electronic balloting process that allows for votes to be conducted in an appropriate manner, according to this Section.

If the Council declines to recommend approval of a prospective member, the application shall be returned to the applicant with an explanation of the basis for the Council's decision.

## **3. Reporting Changes in Ownership/Business Function**

Member organizations are responsible for reporting any material changes in ownership and business function which materially impact their ability to meet SCC membership/participation requirements. Failure to do so may be cause for review or expulsion by the Council.

## **Section 5 – Governance**

The EISCC operates under the Critical Infrastructure Partnership Advisory Council (CIPAC) framework established by the Secretary of Homeland Security pursuant to section 871 of the Homeland Security Act of 2002 (6 U.S.C. §451).

EISCC decisions can be made only when there is a quorum--defined as the majority of the members being virtually or physically present. In the event that the Council cannot reach consensus on an issue, it will represent the range of views to all external audiences.

The EISCC shall operate and support in its efforts the implementation of pertinent Presidential Executive Orders and Directives, National Infrastructure Protection Plans, and Sector and

Subsector Specific Critical Infrastructure Protection Plans to ensure critical infrastructure identification, prioritization and protection.

## **1. Officers**

Council Members shall select a five-member Executive Committee, including a Chair, a Vice Chair, the Immediate Past Chair, and two Members at Large. In the event that there is not an Immediate Past Chair, the seat will be filled by a Member at Large. Executive Committee members will serve a one-year term, during which they will organize EISCC meetings and represent the body to outside organizations. Each Member may hold no more than one seat on the Executive Committee at a time. Executive Committee Members will represent the Council, and not any individual Member perspective or position. The Chair may not succeed himself/herself; however, the Vice Chair may succeed the Chair. If a vacancy occurs on the Executive Committee, the Council will vote on a replacement to serve the remainder of the term.

The EISCC Executive Leadership shall follow Standard Operating Procedures as outlined here:

- The Chair and Vice Chair will preside over all meetings of the EISCC.
- In the absence of the Chair, the Vice Chair will assume the role of Acting Chair with all the rights and responsibilities of the Chair.
- The terms of the Chair and Vice Chair will begin at the conclusion of the Annual Meeting of the EISCC.
- The Chair and Vice Chair will be the points of contact and designated spokespersons for the EISCC, with support from the Executive Committee, as necessary.
- The Executive Committee shall have the authority to establish Working Groups. Voting Members of the EISCC shall have final authority on any questions or disputes regarding membership and participation in such groups.
- The Chair and Vice Chair, or their designee(s) from the Executive Committee, will represent the EISCC at Cross-Sector Meetings and other events outside of regular EISCC collaborations.
- Upon the election of a new Chair, the new Chair (or his/her appointee) shall query each Council Member as to the continuing service of its representative, or if a new appointee is to be made.

- Upon the resignation of any EISCC representative, the Chair shall inform the Member entity of the vacancy and ask for a replacement member representative to the EISCC, followed by a notification to the full SCC of the new member representative.

With adequate notice, EISCC members may make decisions by electronic means (e-mail, conference call, webinar, etcetera), in which case decisions will require a simple majority of those members who are participating/responding within the allotted time period specified. If one or more of the EISCC Members is not in agreement with the proposed decision, clarification of the underlying reasons can be provided.

## **2. Voting Participation**

Each Member of the EISCC is entitled to a single vote in a meeting of the EISCC or a Working Group, without regard to the number of representatives of the entity attending. Members are entitled to vote in person or by electronic means. If requested by the Members, a record of decisions made and vote outcomes will be maintained by the Secretariat. The majority outcome of the vote will determine the EISCC position.

## **3. Working Groups**

The EISCC membership body may form Working Groups, each of which will represent a significant sub-group of the Elections Subsector with common shared business or operating interests. Initiatives that are unique to specific industries or business objectives may be voluntarily addressed by Working Groups with common operating interests and constituent needs, as well as similar risk or threat profiles. Participation by one Member entity in multiple Working Groups is appropriate, as long as legitimate business or operating interests are served.

EISCC Working Groups shall set their own priorities regarding how to best identify and address constituent concerns. Thus, the nature of the Working Group roles and activities are up to each group's discretion, provided they are in support of the EISCC mission and the EISCC strategic partnership role. Working Groups also serve as a source of expertise for government to access specific information from owner/operators within each area of business or operating interest.

Working Groups may choose to elect leaders within their group. The number of leaders and the term-lengths are up to each Working Group. Consecutive or non-consecutive subsequent terms are permitted and each Working Group is free to establish its own rotation system for leaders.

The frequency of Working Group meetings is also up to each group's discretion. The level of activity may vary significantly among Working Groups and may change over time, depending on the election cycle.

Working Group decisions can be made only when there is a quorum, defined as a simple majority of the Members being physically or virtually present. All discussions and deliberations on decisions should be aimed at producing a coherent voice reflecting the common views of the Working Group and its Members. In the event that a Working Group cannot reach consensus on an issue, it will represent the range of views to the Council.

Such entities shall not be authorized to make decisions on behalf of the Council, but instead shall forward information and recommendations to the Council's Executive Committee.

#### **4. Proxies**

Absent members may cast votes using a proxy in attendance (physically or virtually.) A designation of a proxy must be made via email to the Chair & Vice Chair prior to the meeting. Action required or permitted to be taken at a Members' meeting may be carried out without a meeting and without action by the Executive Committee, if the action is taken by all members entitled to vote on the action. In such instances, members may confirm their consent by U.S. mail or electronic means.

#### **5. Notice of Absence & Membership Expulsion/Reinstatement**

Any Member who is not present (physically or virtually) at two successive Council meetings shall be notified in writing by the Chair/Vice Chair of the fact. Upon a third successive absence from a meeting, the Member will be expelled from the EISCC, upon motion to that effect made by the Chair and voted on by the full membership. This provision extends to EISCC Executive Committee meetings as well.

Any Member who is expelled from Council membership may petition for reinstatement by addressing a letter to the EISCC Executive Committee, within thirty (30) days of the vote of expulsion, requesting a hearing before the Executive Committee. Upon completion of the hearing, at which the expelled Member shall be heard, the Executive Committee shall make a recommendation on reinstatement to the EISCC.

A vote of the EISCC on the recommendation shall be taken at the next membership meeting, or by electronic canvass of all eligible Members, at the discretion of the Chair and Vice Chair.

## **SECTION 6 – Meetings & Recordkeeping**

To the extent practical, the EISCC shall meet at least two times a year. These meetings may be in-person, or via webinar or teleconference. The election of the Executive Committee, including the Chair and Vice Chair, will be held during the first full membership meeting in the calendar year. Meetings shall be run in accordance with the guideline of this Charter, which shall be periodically updated to reflect the evolving nature of this body.

Any matter before a meeting of the Council for decision must be the subject of an advance written/electronic notice prior to the meeting. For non-urgent matters, it shall be at least one week (7 days) prior to the meeting. For urgent matters, the Executive Committee should be consulted to promptly advise on a reasonable notice period for members.

### **1. Recordkeeping**

Meeting minutes may be prepared by EISCC Secretariat, which may be the U.S. Department of Homeland Security (DHS).

Draft minutes will be distributed to the Chair and Vice Chair for comment and revision. Revised draft minutes will then be circulated to the entire EISCC for comment and feedback, with further editing. At the next meeting of the EISCC, Members will vote to approve the minutes.

The Secretariat will prepare and circulate draft agendas before meetings to solicit input.

Minutes, including records of votes, may be secured and electronically stored by the Secretariat. Access to the records of the EISCC shall be limited to current EISCC membership.

## **SECTION 7 – CIPAC Membership and Representation**

### **1. Council Participation in CIPAC**

When participating in Critical Infrastructure Partnership Advisory Council (CIPAC) activities, Council representatives will comply with all requirements established by the CIPAC Charter and guidance issued by the CIPAC Designated Federal Officer (DFO).

Entities shall automatically become CIPAC Members upon notification by the Council Chair to the CIPAC DFO via [CIPAC@hq.dhs.gov](mailto:CIPAC@hq.dhs.gov). Such notification shall include the Member representative's name and contact information.

The Secretariat will maintain the Council's CIPAC membership roster. The roster shall identify CIPAC Member representatives sufficiently to describe each representative's chief anticipated contributions to the CIPAC mission. The Secretariat shall notify the CIPAC DFO by email of any roster updates and a description of the changes. An electronic copy of the updated roster shall be attached to the email.

## **2. Representation of an Entity**

When participating in covered CIPAC activities (i.e. decision making, formulating recommendations, and other deliberations leading to consensus advice), Council representatives (including federally-registered lobbyists) shall represent the interests of the Election Infrastructure Subsector, and shall not participate in an individual capacity. Council representatives may participate as subject matter experts, when invited to do so by the Council.

## **3. Federal Government**

In accordance with PPD-21, the U.S. Department of Homeland Security (DHS) has been sub-delegated as the Sector-Specific Agency (SSA) for the Election Infrastructure Subsector. DHS provides guidance and support to the subsector principally through the Sector Outreach and Partnership Division (SOPD) of the DHS Infrastructure Protection Division. SOPD will appoint a staff member as the primary liaison between DHS and the Council. DHS coordinates closely with the U.S. Election Assistance Commission (EAC) in Sector-Specific Agency activities.

DHS recognizes that each organization participating in the Council does so on a voluntary basis, and will continue to have organization-specific action items, concerns and input not related to matters addressed in this Charter, or to critical infrastructure protection more broadly. Participation in Council activities does not prevent or hinder organization-specific relationships with DHS or any other federal department or agency.

Participation in the Council does not restrict member entities from developing independent relationships or partnerships with DHS on specific security-related topics, nor does it preclude such entities from taking independent policy positions or conducting independent advocacy.

## **SECTION 8 – Subject Matter Experts**

Subject Matter Experts (SMEs) are defined as non-voting invited participants whose presence is deemed advantageous to address issues identified by the Council. The purpose of their attendance is to provide subject matter expertise and project/product support. If approved for

participation by a majority vote of the Executive Committee in advance of a meeting or a call, SMEs may participate in Subsector discussions to which they have been invited and will agree to maintain the confidentiality of issues and material discussed.

## **SECTION 9 – Amendments**

The Council may, at any time, amend this charter by an affirmative vote, which must consist of a quorum of the voting Council Members. Changes to the governance elements of this document will require approval of two thirds of all Members.

## **SECTION 10 – Approval & Duration**

The present Charter was approved by the Council at the date indicated below, as witnessed by the Chair and Vice Chair. It shall remain in effect indefinitely. The Council will review and assess the adequacy of the Charter on an annual basis.

Signature of Chair:

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Signature of Vice Chair:

Date:

**February 15, 2018**



## Election Infrastructure Subsector Government Coordinating Council Charter

### Article I – Official Designation

The official designation of this Council is the “Election Infrastructure Subsector Government Coordinating Council,” hereinafter referred to as the “EIS GCC” or the “Council.”

### Article II – Mission and Purpose

The Council enables state, local, and federal governments to share information and collaborate on best practices to mitigate and counter threats<sup>1</sup> to election infrastructure.

Specifically, the EIS GCC provides for interagency, intergovernmental, and cross-jurisdictional coordination within the Election Infrastructure Subsector and between this subsector and other sectors identified in Presidential Policy Directive/PPD-21 on “Critical Infrastructure Security and Resilience.” The EIS GCC is composed of representatives from across various levels of government as appropriate to depict the operating landscape of the Election Infrastructure Subsector.

### Article III – Objectives and Scope of Activity

The EIS GCC coordinates strategies, activities, and communications across governmental entities within the Election Infrastructure Subsector, and also reaches out across the national partnership structure, as defined in the current *National Infrastructure Protection Plan (NIPP)* and other policy documents, in coordination with and in support of government and non-government subsector stakeholders. The scope of activity of the EIS GCC includes, but is not limited to:

- Coordinate with government and non-government subsector stakeholders to plan, implement, and execute the Nation’s critical infrastructure security and resilience mission;
- Participate in planning efforts related to any revisions of the NIPP and the development and revision of Sector-Specific Plans (SSP);
- Promote interagency strategic communications coordination at the subsector level through partnership with DHS and other supporting agencies across various levels of government;

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<sup>1</sup> See “Assessing Russian Activities and Intentions in recent US Elections,” Office of the Director of National Intelligence, January 6, 2017 (available at: [https://www.dni.gov/files/documents/ICA\\_2017\\_01.pdf](https://www.dni.gov/files/documents/ICA_2017_01.pdf)).



- Identify and support the information sharing capabilities and mechanisms that are most appropriate for State, Local, Tribal, Territorial (SLTT), Regional and private sector entities;
- Promote understanding and potential adoption of physical and cyber risk management processes, best practices, and use of innovative methods across the subsector;
- Enhance information sharing across the subsector and promote multichannel public-private information sharing protocols and situational awareness;
- Coordinate with government and non-government subsector stakeholders to set joint priorities and identify common risk management goals;
- Coordinate with government and non-government subsector stakeholders to develop processes for prioritizing and characterizing risk and incident management recommendations;
- Coordinate with government and non-government subsector stakeholders to identify knowledge gaps that warrant Research and Development (R&D) efforts.

## Article IV – Membership

### Member Representatives

EIS GCC membership is composed of government agencies and organizations representing government officials that own, operate, or administer subsector physical or cyber assets, systems, and processes or have responsibility for supporting security and resilience of those assets, systems, and processes.

- Permanent membership resides with the agency or organization rather than the individual representatives.
- Each member agency or organization shall have a primary representative and may have an alternate representative to the EIS GCC.
- Primary agency representatives named to the EIS GCC are senior management level (Director or equivalent).

### Members:

EIS GCC membership shall include the following Voting Members:

- Secretaries of State/Lieutenant Governors (where applicable) (x8)\*
- State Senior Election Officials (x4, non-Secretaries of State)\*
- Election Center – Local Government Election Officials (x3)
- International Association of Government Officials (iGO) – Local Government Election Officials (x3)
- U.S. Department of Homeland Security, Cybersecurity and Infrastructure Security Agency, National Risk Management Center (x1)
- U.S. Election Assistance Commission (EAC) (x2) (Sitting Chair and Vice-Chair)

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\* Assigned/coordinated with appropriate supporting associations (NASS/NASED)

- Three State Election Officials and Three local election officials – (x6)\*\* selected by the EAC’s Federal Advisory Committees as listed below:
  - EAC Board of Advisors (x2) (one State Senior Election Official; one Local Government Election Official)
  - EAC Standards Board (x2) (one State Senior Election Official; one Local Government Election Official)
  - EAC Technical Guidelines Development Committee (x2) (one State Senior Election Official; one Local Government Election Official)

Ex officio Members:

EIS GCC membership shall include the following Non-Voting Members:

- State, Local, Tribal, and Territorial Government Coordinating Council
- U.S. Election Assistance Commission
- U.S. Department of Commerce, National Institute of Standards and Technology
- U.S. Department of Defense, Federal Voting Assistance Program
- U.S. Department of Homeland Security, Cybersecurity and Infrastructure Security Agency, National Risk Management Center
- U.S. Department of Homeland Security, Office of Intelligence and Analysis
- U.S. Department of Justice, Federal Bureau of Investigation
- United States Postal Service
- United States Postal Service Office of the Inspector General
- United States Postal Inspection Service

EIS GCC membership may be expanded to include other government agencies and organizations, as well as other sector and cross-sector GCCs as additional non-voting members to provide relevant institutional knowledge, technical expertise, and administrative support, as determined by the membership of the EIS GCC. An affirmative vote of 2/3rds of the voting membership is required to expand the EIS GCC membership.

**Member Alternate Representatives**

Each voting and non-voting agency and organization of the EIS GCC may appoint one alternate representative to represent each member at EIS GCC activities.

- An alternate member representative casts the voting member’s vote in the absence of the primary representative.
- Each voting and non-voting agency and organization is responsible for obtaining and maintaining the appropriate security clearance for its alternate representatives.

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\*\* The State and local election officials identified to serve on the GCC from the Election Assistance Commission’s (EAC) Federal Advisory Committees shall serve on the GCC in their capacity as qualified election officials selected by each EAC advisory board, serving separately from their role in such advisory committees. In their role in the GCC, they do not represent the EAC’s advisory committees, nor do they serve on the GCC in their private individual capacities.

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## Article V – Governance, EIS GCC Leadership/Executive Committee

### Governance

EIS GCC members will make decisions through a consultative and collaborative process, encourage the exchange of information and points of view, and strive for consensus. When a consensus cannot be achieved the EIS GCC will move to a vote. The EIS GCC recognizes that each member represents a government entity or organization with inherent legal authorities and parameters within which it must operate. At times, these authorities may restrict a member’s ability to provide agreement on a decision or preclude the open dissemination of information. These inherent legal authorities must be clearly articulated by dissenting member when they are the basis for dissent and the inability to enter into consensus.

EIS GCC member representatives shall strive to faithfully represent the position of their government agencies or organizations; however, the EIS GCC recognizes that - in some cases - primary or alternate representatives may lack legal authority to act on behalf of its agency or organization. Therefore, the actions of individual members may not be binding on a government agency or organization.

### EIS GCC Executive Committee

Due to the unique nature of the Election Infrastructure Subsector, Cybersecurity and Infrastructure Security Agency (CISA) National Risk Management Center (NRMC) SSA GCC Chair would like to conduct EIS GCC leadership matters using an “EIS GCC Executive Committee” (EIS ExCom) model, which would include a representative number of member agencies or organizations from the EIS GCC. The EIS GCC Executive Committee would be comprised as follows:

- Chair - CISA NRMC (x1)
- EAC Chair (x1)
- State-Secretary of State/NASS President (x1)
- State-Senior State Election Official/NASED President (x1)
- Local Government Election Official as determined by the Local members of the EIS GCC (x1)

### Duties of EIS ExCom

EIS GCC ExCom shall have responsibility over the following areas:

- Location and agenda development;
- Monitoring and closure of issues and initiatives;
- Administrative and meeting support, including logistics and meeting minutes;
- Communications;
- Member and records management; and
- Maintenance of EIS GCC governance documents.

When the EIS GCC conducts a meeting with non-government partners under the auspices of the Critical Infrastructure Partnership Advisory Council (CIPAC), the Chair/ExCom shall

coordinate with the CIPAC Executive Secretariat/Designated Federal Officer to ensure compliance with CIPAC requirements.

## **Article VI – Meetings**

### **Frequency of Meetings**

The full membership of the EIS GCC will meet not fewer than two times each year in Washington, DC and/or in an alternative location as determined in consultation with EIS ExCom. Full EIS GCC meetings will be scheduled with every attempt to provide ample notice to members. Teleconference support will normally be provided.

Council meeting procedures will follow Robert’s Rules of Order. EIS GCC members will make decisions through a consultative process, encouraging the exchange of information and points of view, and will strive for consensus.

### **Quorum**

A duly constituted meeting of the EIS GCC shall require a quorum of more than half the number of voting members.

- Members must be personally present (including telephonically) or notify the EIS GCC ExCom of their intention to participate and vote by remote means in advance of a properly noticed meeting at which a vote is taken.
- The vote of a majority of the votes entitled to be cast by the voting members present at a meeting at which a quorum is present shall be necessary for the adoption of any matter voted upon by the members.

### **Principles of Participation**

All EIS GCC members shall work towards the same goals and purpose of improving the security, preparedness, and resilience of Election Infrastructure. Discussion and deliberation processes must recognize and capitalize on each member’s strengths, skills, and perspective. Results of EIS GCC discussions and deliberations must constitute a coherent voice made up of each member’s contributions.

## **Article VII – Recordkeeping**

The procedures for the handling, storage and disposition of EIS GCC records and other documentation are in accordance with DHS Federal Records Management policy, as well as directives and guidelines for the Election Infrastructure SSA.

## **Article VIII – Communications**

The Election Infrastructure SSA will ensure a communication mechanism exists for sharing information among EIS GCC members.

## **Article IX – Working Groups**

The EIS GCC shall form working groups as needed.

- Working groups shall be established when substantial investigation, research, or other tasks are required, which cannot be practicably achieved at regular EIS GCC sessions.
- All products of the working groups are meant to advise EIS GCC members on various issues and processes.
- Through its primary or alternate representatives, each member agency or organization may designate multiple individuals to serve on working groups.
- Working groups may be made up of any combination of EIS GCC member representatives and external participants serving as subject matter experts.
- The EIS GCC will appoint a chairperson.
- Working group members will establish procedures consistent with this charter for the operation of the working group.
- Working group meetings may be held depending on need.
- Reports and recommendations from working groups will be presented at full EIS GCC meetings for member approval, as appropriate.

When the working group conducts a meeting with non-government partners under the auspices of CIPAC, the Chair/EIS ExCom shall coordinate with the CIPAC Executive Secretariat/Designated Federal Officer to ensure compliance with CIPAC requirements

## **Article X – Amendments**

The EIS GCC may at any time amend this Charter by a 2/3rds vote of the voting members. The amended Charter shall be forwarded in a timely manner to the CIPAC Executive Secretariat for posting on the CIPAC public website.

## **Article XI – Duration**

This Charter shall be in effect for two (2) years from the date of signing. If amended, the Charter shall be in effect from remainder of the initial two-year period after the amendment is approved.

## **Article XII – Approval**

The EIS GCC approved this Charter by vote of the attending members on February 18, 2021.