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SPECIAL JOINT WORKSHOP

The Cameron County Commissioners' Court and The Cameron County Elections Commission
will meet for a *Special Public Meeting* on
Tuesday, March 22, 2016 at 12:00 p.m. in the *Courtroom on the 2nd Floor*
at the Cameron County Courthouse, Oscar C. Dancy Building, 1100 E. Monroe Street, Brownsville, Texas

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SPECIAL JOINT MEETING
TUESDAY, THE 22ND DAY OF MARCH 2016 AT 12:00 P.M.

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PETE SEPULVEDA, JR.
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Cameron County Commissioners' Court
Agenda Request Form

No. 2

Date: March 17, 2016 Meeting Date Request: March 22, 2015

Deadline for Action: Contact Person: Remi Garza

Department: Election Department Phone: 544--0809 Fax:

Department Head Name: Remi Garza Signature: Remi Garza

Caption:

To conduct a demonstration of current and future election and voting systems by currently approved state certified vendors to include Election Systems and Software and Hart Intercivic and to discuss future acquisition of an election and voting system for Cameron County and matters related thereto.

Background: *(Briefly summarize your request, if needed use separate sheet(s) or attach supporting documentation).*

PLEASE FILL IN ALL BLANKS WITH REQUIRED INITIALS AND FISCAL DATA INFORMATION OR PLACE N/A IF IS NOT APPLICABLE:

County Judge N/A Auditor N/A Budget N/A Legal Human Resources N/A Purchasing N/A

1295 Form N/A

Fiscal Data:

Dept. Name: N/A Fund No. N/A

Funds Available: Yes ___ No ___

Funds From:

Department: Yes ___ No ___ Amt. Expended : $ N/A

General: Yes ___ No ___ Impact on future budget: Yes ___ No ___

Grant: Yes ___ No ___

Comments:

Action taken by Commissioners' Court

Approved _____ Tabled _____ Denied _____ Motion made by _____ Seconded _____ Vote _____

UNIVERSAL VOTING SYSTEM

ExpressVote®

INTUITIVE TOUCH-SCREEN TECHNOLOGY, VERIFIABLE PAPER RECORDS: A SYSTEM TEXAS CAN TRUST.

The ExpressVote Universal Voting System utilizes touch-screen technology that produces a paper-based record for subsequent tabulation.

Suitable for use in early vote centers and on Election Day in precincts or vote centers, the ExpressVote enables voters to mark selections easily, producing a verifiable paper record at the conclusion of the vote session.

ExpressVote units can serve every eligible voter, including those with special needs. As a fully compliant ADA (Americans with Disabilities Act) voting solution, ExpressVote enables each voter to cast his or her vote independently.

A Universal Voting System To Fit Your Evolving Needs

KEY FEATURES

VOTE SESSION ACTIVATION CARD

The correct ballot style is presented to the voter when the Vote Session Activation Card with activation barcode is inserted into the ExpressVote. It eliminates the need for electronic activation devices or other technology that require programming or management, saving you time and money. Election officials also avoid wasting ballots as each Activation Card is blank and can be used in any election.

- Activation Cards can be printed with consecutive numbers on each, identical to standard ballots, as required by Texas election code.
- The ExpressVote marks vote selections electronically by a manual touch on its touchscreen or by an accessible input device.
- ExpressVote units also produce a printed verifiable paper record containing the same vote summary the voter confirms on the ExpressVote's touchscreen.

CASTING OPTIONS

The ExpressVote can be configured into different casting modes. Depending on this configuration, a voter can:

- Use AutoCast® to cast their confirmed vote selections. Their paper record gets deposited into a secure container.
- Manually place their paper record in a DS200 or DS850 for tabulation.

Like our in-precinct tabulator, the DS200, ExpressVote in tabulation mode will have the ability to safely transmit unofficial results on Election Night.

VERIFIABLE PAPER RECORD

After all selections are made, a human and machine-readable paper record is produced. This verifiable paper record has printed text, identifying a voter's selections, as well as an optical scan barcode that contains each selection. This record can also be used for audit or recount purposes.

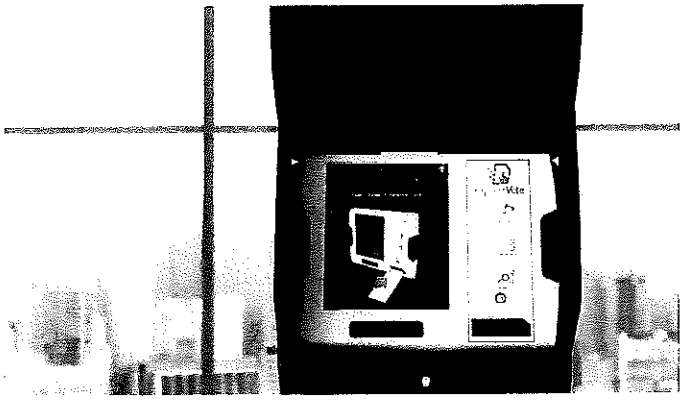
EASY TO SET UP AND USE

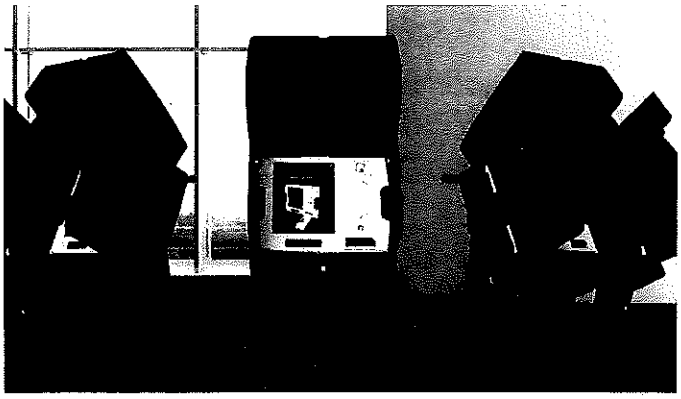
The one-step startup and poll-closing procedure makes the ExpressVote an ideal device for poll workers. The intuitive design offers simplicity for all voters and election staff. The ExpressVote is also lightweight and easy to transport.

A VISIONARY VOTING SOLUTION

Complete and total independence is maintained while voters mark their own selections. Voters review a summary page and can make changes before printing their verifiable paper record. Additionally, this system is secure – the election definition media device is protected in a locked environment.

The ExpressVote is a part of our Visionary Voting approach, combining intuitive voting equipment, technology and services that can grow with your jurisdictions as changes are made to Texas election code and new needs arise.





Support Services

Following are services provided as part of our proposed solution for the entire term of the contract.

Installation

- Shipping, delivery and installation
- Connection of Balotar to customer network (in conjunction with customer IT staff)
- Initial testing
- Training will be provided on a pre-scheduled basis at time of installation. Customer agrees to provide a facility to hold training sessions. Levels of training include:
  - 1st level (operator) training
    - Provides sufficient skills to operate the system, replace consumables, clear jams
  - 2nd level (lead) training
    - Involves more in depth troubleshooting knowledge including aligning feeder, understanding communication issues with VR systems, and production of reports

Election Set Up

- Cropping or other pre-press work required to prepare PDF files from Unity for printing
- Installation of ballot repositories and necessary configuration files for each election
- Pre-election set up and testing of each Balotar system to validate accurate ballot production
- Creation of test deck for each election and quality verification

Ballot Fee

Supply of all consumables

- Printer toner
- Printer drums
- Printer fuser
- Printer transfer belts
- Ballot stock

Materials management

- Ordering of supplies necessary to print anticipated volume
- Shipping of all consumables to BOE location

Customer is responsible for providing a storage area of adequate space and environmental conditions for stocking of supplies.

Software Maintenance

- Technical software support hotline
- Installation of any new software updates
- Testing and validation of all software updates

Hardware Maintenance

- Technical support and repair of all hardware components
- Preventative maintenance on each Balotar system
- All replacements parts

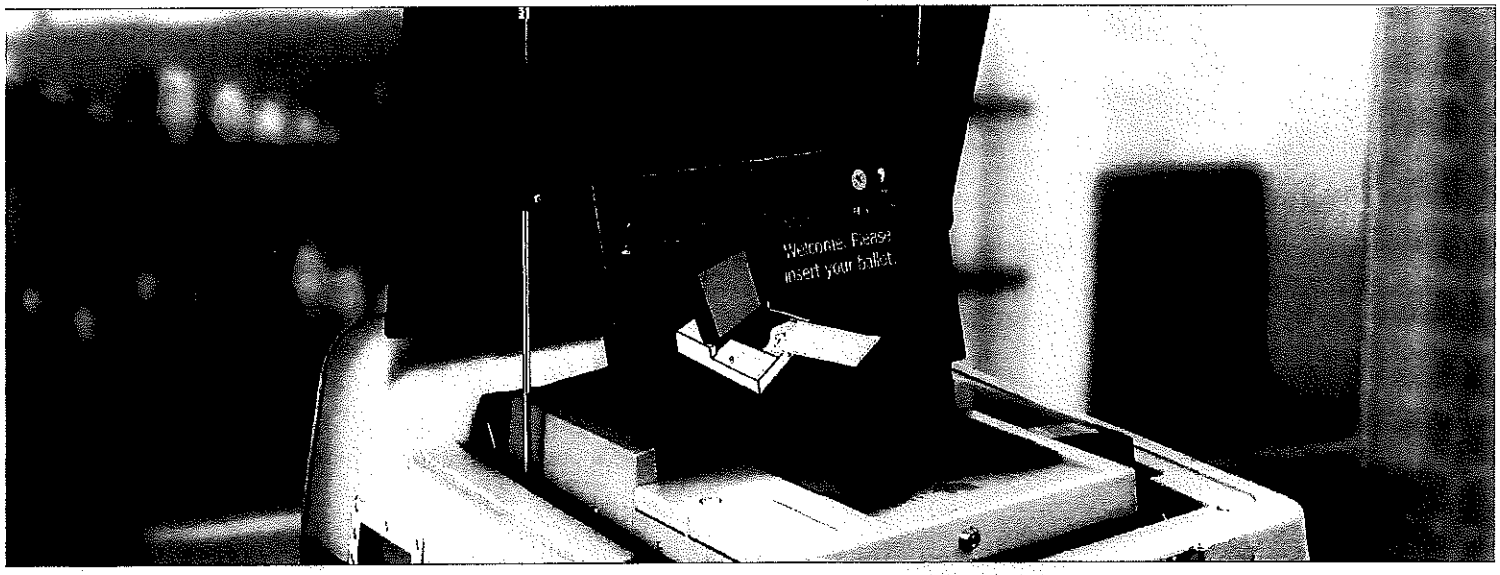
PRECINCT SCANNER & TABULATOR

DS200®

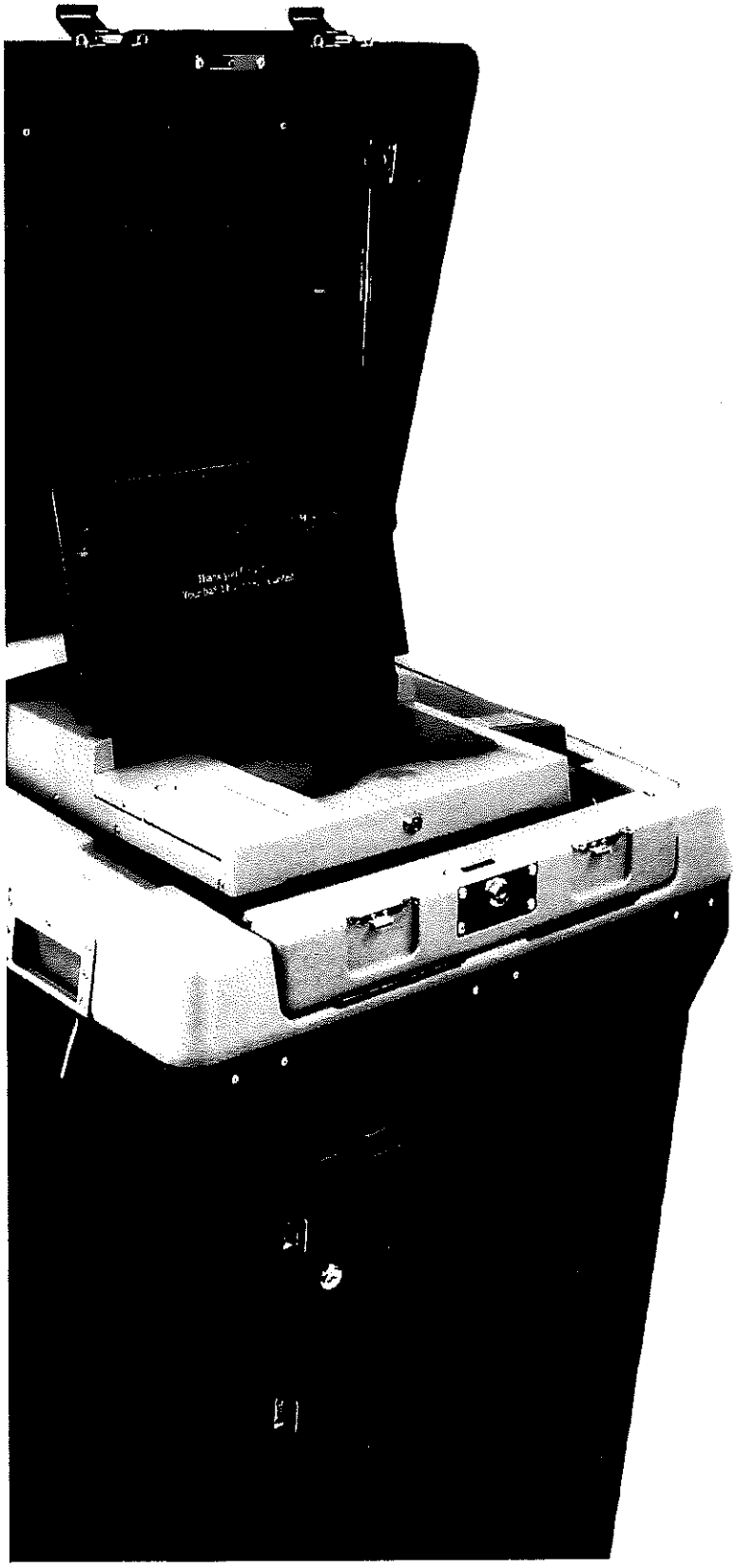
BECAUSE WHO WANTS TO BE STUCK INSIDE COUNTING BALLOTS?

The DS200 is a precinct-based ballot scanner and vote tabulator equipped with the latest in ES&S' patented technology to make your job easier. Fully certified and compliant with the latest federal Voluntary Voting Systems Guidelines, the DS200 enhances the voting experience for voters and officials alike.

Intelligent, integrated, digital, patented, flexible, easy to use, reliable, secure, certified, and accessible – the DS200 is the answer to your precinct-level election needs.



Faster election results and greater voter confidence



KEY FEATURES

LARGE CAPACITY

Handles up to 9,900 precincts for early voting needs.

SPEED

Completely processes both sides of a ballot in six seconds or less. Handles bent or folded ballots with ease.

ACCURACY

DS200 combines the ES&S Positive Target Recognition & Alignment Compensation (PTRAC) and patented Intelligent Mark Recognition™ (IMR) systems to positively track and pinpoint target locations, accommodating for ballots inserted at irregular angles and erroneous marks to create unparalleled accuracy in determining voter intent. This accuracy improves the reliability of elections that require recounts, as well.

ACCESSIBILITY

Compatible with the ES&S ExpressVote® and AutoMARK® Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA)-compliant ballot-marking device.

RELIABILITY

Battery backup in case of a power outage and thermal paper means you never have to worry about power outages or running out of printer ink.

COMPATIBILITY

Works in conjunction with ES&S' Electionware® and Election Reporting Manager® software, ADA-compliant ballot marking devices (AutoMARK® or ExpressVote®), the DS850® central scanner and tabulator, and plastic or metal ballot bins to provide a complete end-to-end election solution.

AVAILABLE OPTIONS

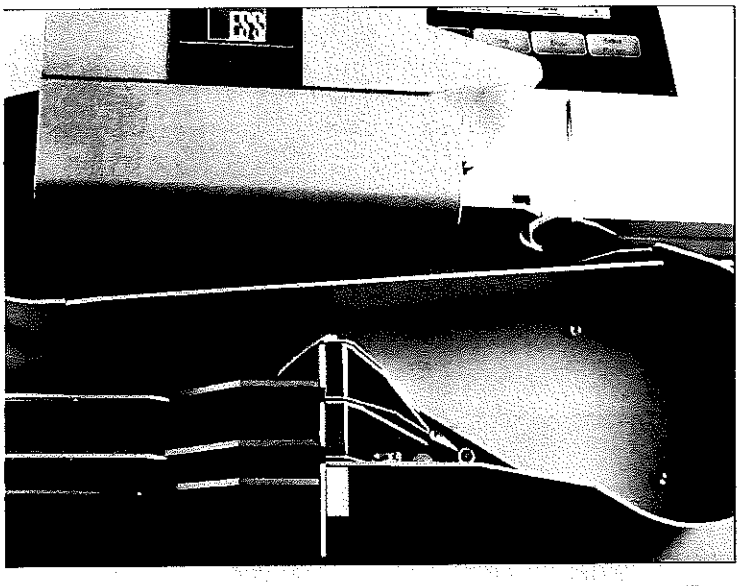
Wireless modem and capacity to send data via Secure File Transfer Protocol (SFTP) server; backup data storage in addition to primary data storage device.

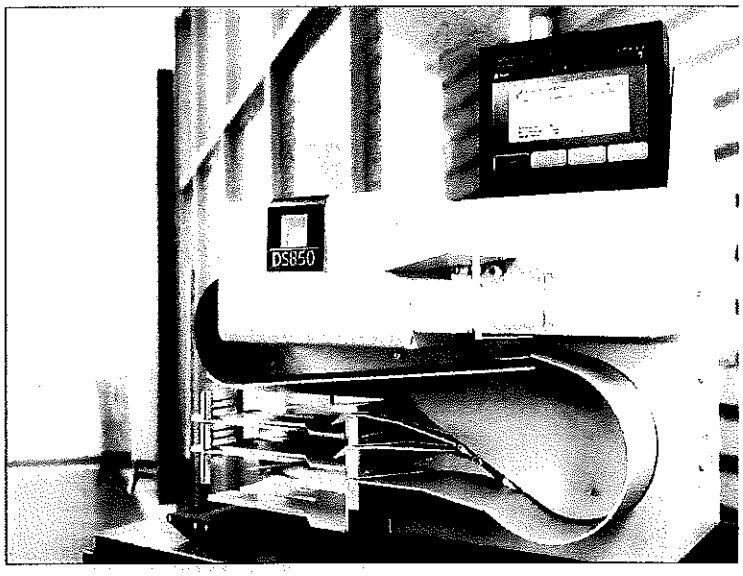
HIGH-SPEED SCANNER & TABULATOR

DS850®

THE INDUSTRY LEADING HIGH-SPEED CENTRAL SCANNER AND TABULATOR.

The DS850 central scanner and tabulator is a high-speed digital ballot scanner and tabulator equipped with the latest ES&S technology to make your job easier. The DS850 system is the fastest central scanner in the industry. Fully certified and compliant with the latest federal Voluntary Voting Systems Guidelines, the DS850 enhances the voting experience for voters and election officials.





Enhance the Voting Experience

KEY FEATURES & BENEFITS

SPEED

The DS850 can scan ballots of multiple sizes and handle folded and roughed-up ballots with ease. For example, the system can scan 14-inch double-sided ballots at the rate of 300 per minute with next to no ballot jams. The DS850 is three times faster than any other digital scanner on the market.

EASE OF USE

The durable 15-inch color touch screen and user-friendly interface walk you through every step of the process.

FLEXIBILITY

With three separate sorter bins, you can determine whether you want to set apart specific types of ballots for further review. Let the DS850 handle separating write-in votes, over-votes, and blank ballots – *all without missing a beat.*

SECURITY

Safeguard your election data with the DS850's system integrity, electronic audits, data encryption, and digital signatures. Nearly 35 years of election industry experience makes ES&S the vendor you can trust.

ACCURACY

ES&S' patented Intelligent Mark Recognition™ (IMR) and PTRAC™ technology ensure that ballots are read accurately and consistently, protecting voter intent and eliminating manual adjudication time.

PTRAC (Positive Target Recognition & Alignment Compensation) corrects for variations in ballot alignment and printing, allowing the digital scanners to zero in on the marking area. IMR then digitally subtracts the outline of the voting target to read only the voter's mark. Our competitors' optical scanners require you to set an arbitrary pixel threshold to determine what counts as a mark.

Instead, the DS850 does the work for you. To determine which marks were intentional, sophisticated algorithms analyze the mark's darkness (pixel density) and directionality. Unlike other scanners, the DS850 is not fooled by erasures or other stray marks.

Does the election require a recount? With the DS850, you get the same consistent and accurate results every time.

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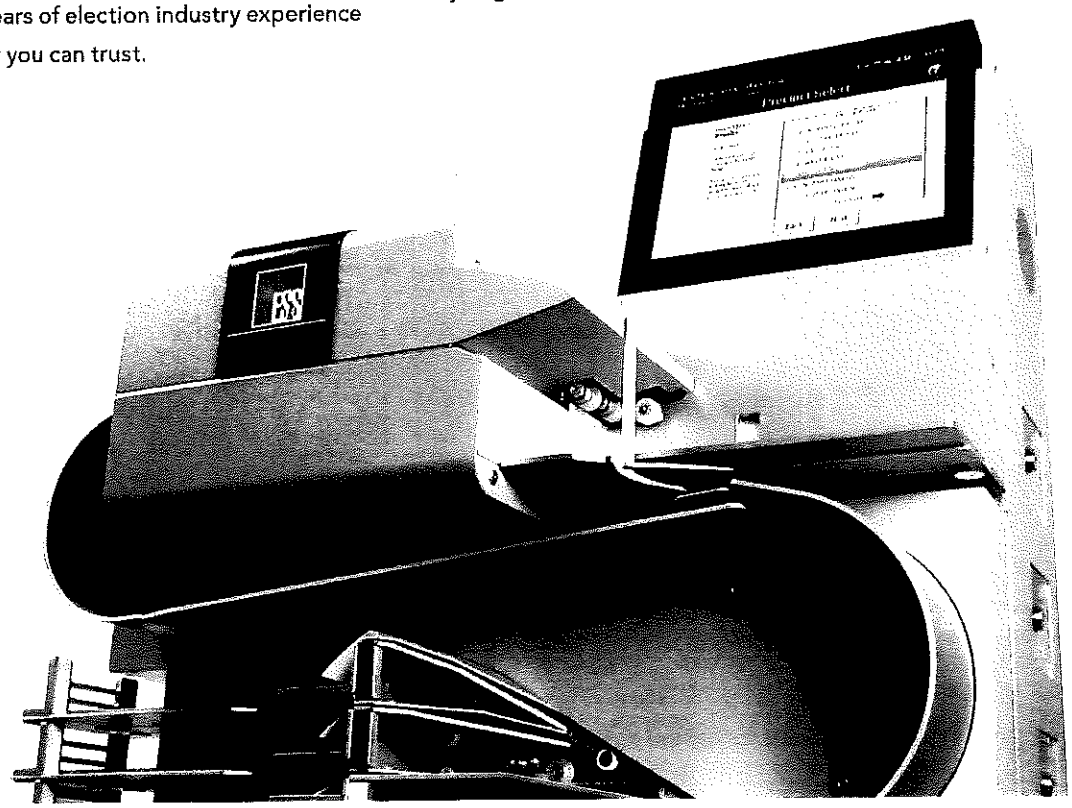


BALLOT ON DEMAND PRINTER

Balotar®

THE FUTURE OF BALLOT ON DEMAND® PRINTING.

The portable Balotar Printing System® consolidates commercially available printing components with ES&S' proprietary software and hardware modifications, enabling the system to fulfill the demanding printing and audit needs of elections.

The Balotar Compact is a rugged printer that can be transported, along with an optional foldable lightweight cart and accessories, in the back of a van or hatchback. The light weight and small size of the Balotar Compact Printer eliminates costly manpower and transportation fees normally associated with moving larger on-demand systems between the storage and polling locations.

The system enables election staff to print the exact number of ballots needed for each vote center, based on Election Day turnout, increasing efficiency while reducing cost and waste.

Advance Voting Steadily Grows

BENEFITS

ENVIRONMENTALLY FRIENDLY

- Eliminate waste from pre-printing too many ballots
- Lower energy use for ballot printing and shipment
- Reduce chemical use

COST EFFICIENT

- Limit overtime costs
- Reduce temporary staffing needs for ballot processing and inventory
- Flexible fees to fit your budget

AUTOMATED BALLOT MANAGEMENT

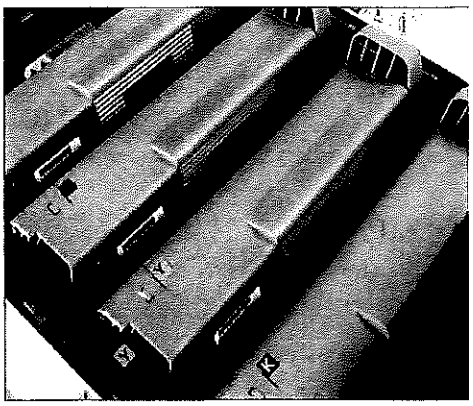
- Remove the need for organizing and storing mass quantities of ballots
- No more estimating how many ballots to order

STRESS RELIEF

- Control pre-election ballot production
- No Election Day delays for ballot deliveries
- Ensure the correct ballot style for every voter
- Avoid ballot shortages
- UOCAVA and absentee ballots ready in an instant

KEY FEATURES

- Precision alignment feeder ensures maximum ballot readability
- Integrates with your voter registration system, providing an easy-to-use interface
- Eliminates ballot picking and pulling
- Print ballots as-needed
- Remove the risk of ballot shortages
- Automated email and fax capability
- Overlay capability
- Plug-and-play capability
- Automatic duplex capability for 19-inch ballots



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The ExpressVote Universal Voting System combines paper-based voting with touch screen technology to create an innovative breakthrough in voting solutions.

Used in early vote centers and on Election Day in precincts or vote centers, the ExpressVote handles the entire ballot-casting process. Election officials no longer have to guess the number of ballots to print — instead, an inexpensive Vote Session Activator™ card determines the ballot style presented on the touch screen.

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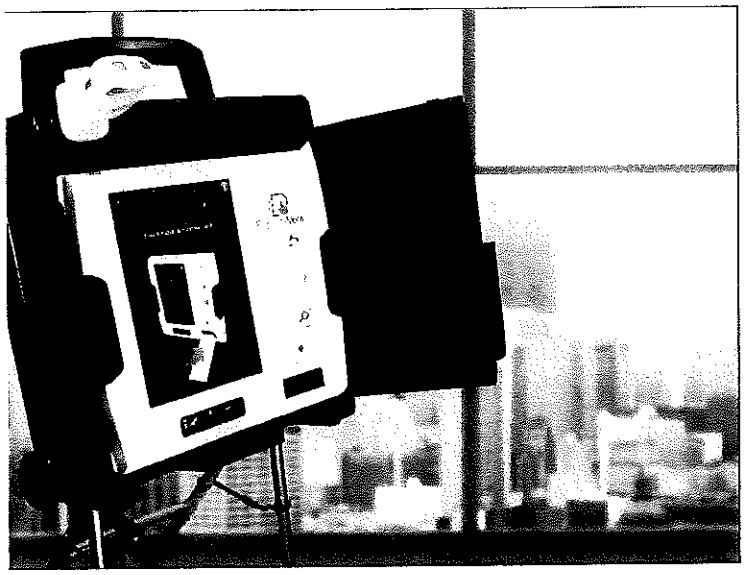


Choose Leading-edge Technology

KEY FEATURES

VOTE SESSION ACTIVATOR

The voter receives a voting session activator card to begin the process. Election officials can choose from three options:

- If only one ballot is programmed for the election, a blank card activates the ballot.
- If the election has multiple ballots, a blank card requires a poll worker to select the correct ballot for the voter.
- If the election has multiple ballots, a card with an activation barcode displays the correct ballot for the voter.

CASTING OPTIONS

The ExpressVote enables casting options. Voters can:

- Manually place ballots in the DS200 for scanning and tabulating.
- Use AutoCast® to place ballots into a secure container for later tabulation by an election official, who may use the DS850 central scanner and tabulator.

VERIFIABLE PAPER RECORD

After all selections are made, a human- and machine-readable paper record is produced, including text and an optical scan barcode. All votes are digitally scanned for tabulation on ES&S' DS200 and DS850 devices.

EASY TO SET UP AND USE

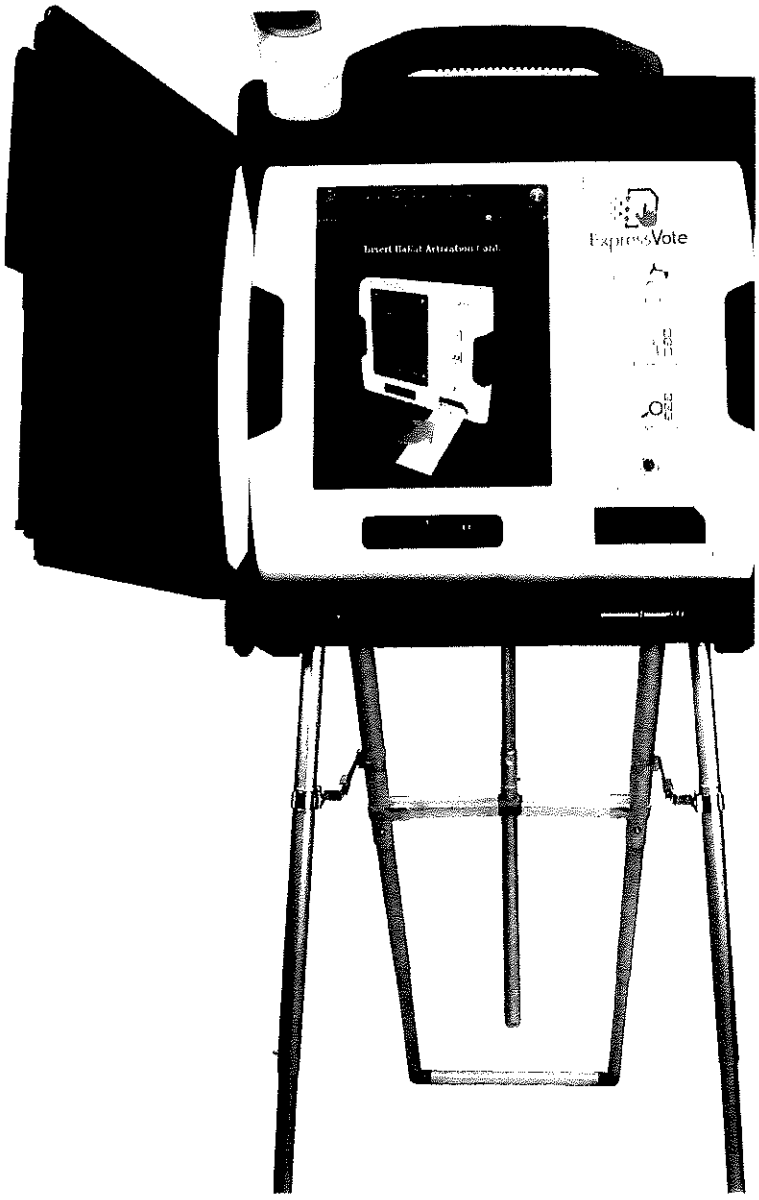
The one-step startup and poll-closing procedure makes the ExpressVote an ideal device for poll workers. The intuitive design offers streamlined simplicity for all voters, poll workers and election staff. The paper card is the vote session activator – there is no expensive technology to manage or program. The ExpressVote is small, lightweight at less than 20 pounds, and easy to carry.

CONTROLLED AND REDUCED COSTS

Traditional ballot printing costs can be reduced significantly by eliminating the need and expense for pre-printed paper ballots. With low operation and maintenance fees, budgeting for recurring expenses with the ExpressVote is easy. The system does not use ink, toner, or paper rolls and consumes 70 percent less paper than traditional ballots.

INNOVATIVE DESIGN

Complete and total independence is maintained while voters cast their own records. Voters review a summary page and can make changes before casting ballots. A voter's selection changes will not spoil the voting session. The system produces a verifiable paper record for each voter that is digitally scanned for tabulation. ExpressVote neither stores nor tabulates vote counts. The system is secure – the election definition media device is protected in a locked environment.

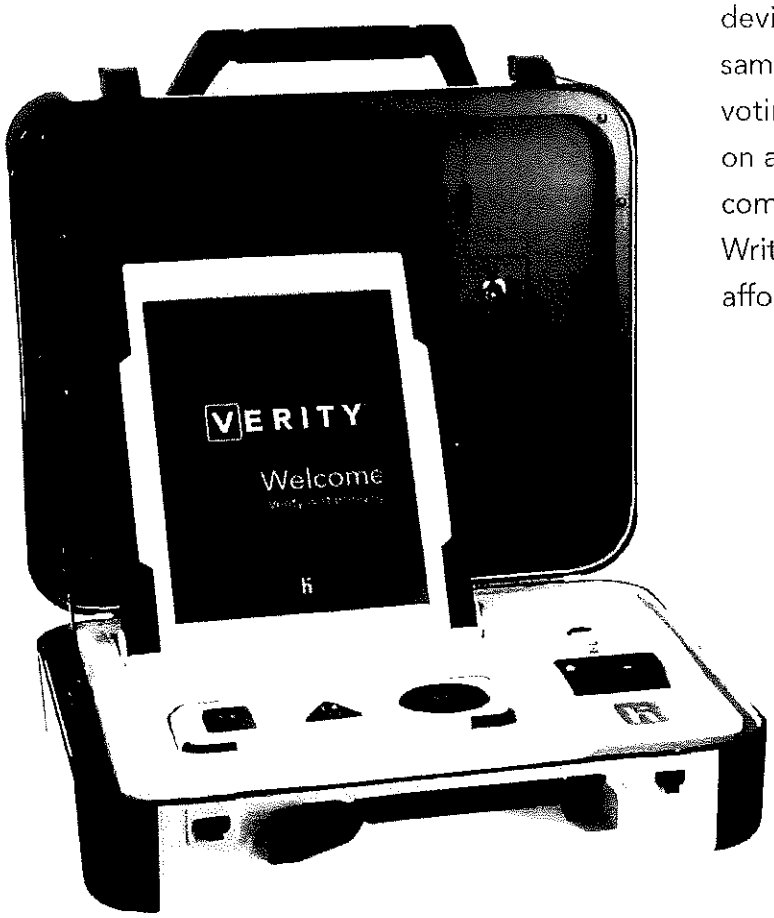


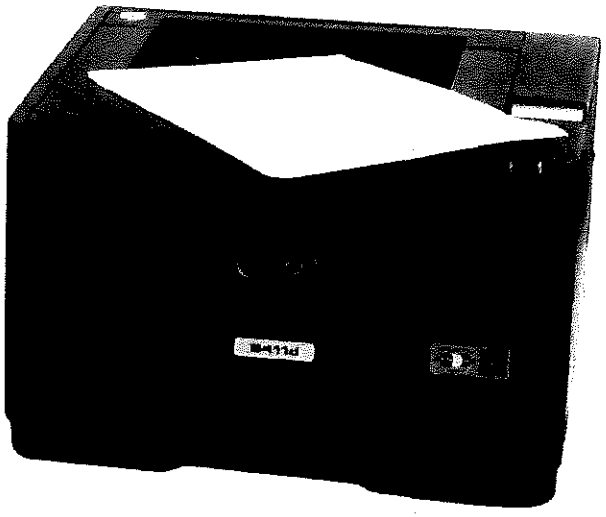
Verity Touch Writer

Ballot Marking Device

Equality of access for all voters.

Hart's Touch Writer is a ballot marking device that allows all voters to have the same paper ballots for an equal, private voting experience. With easy deployment on a compact hardware platform and a commercial off-the-shelf printer, Verity Touch Writer makes paper ballot voting easy, affordable, and adaptable.





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Verity Touch Writer: Features & Benefits

- **The most intuitive voting experience ever**
  The Touch Writer interface, based on EAC/AIGA "Design for Democracy" templates, is modern, fresh, and intuitive. The 12.1" touchscreen interface offers clarity and confidence for voters, with fewer keystrokes, higher voter satisfaction, and reduced residual votes.

- **Cost effective**
  Compatible with commercial off-the-shelf printers

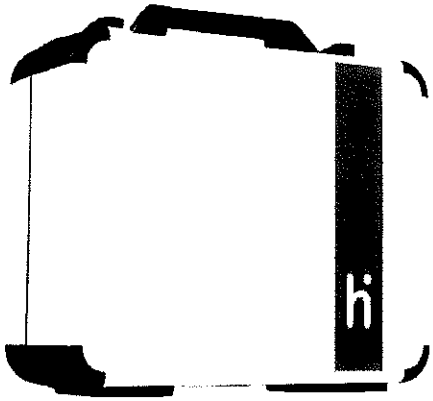
- **Print from blank stock and save**
  Eliminate the need to pre-print ballots. Reduce costs by only printing the ballots that voters need.

- **Flexibility, physical access and privacy**
  Supports frontal and parallel wheelchair access, many choices for voter personalization and comfort (video-only; audio-only; adaptive devices), and flexibility for placement in the polling place, so there are no bottlenecks and maximum quiet and privacy.

- **ADA/Accessible, True equality of access**
  Touch Writer prints a full-size marked ballot from blank stock, providing equality of access for all voters.

- **Never wait for ballots to load**
  No ballots to load, and no waiting – after the electronic ballot is activated, voters can begin marking selections right away.

Ease of access with complete privacy for all voters.



Easy transport, set-up, and storage. Touch Writer is completely self-contained in a secure case.

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Verity Scan

Digital Ballot Scanning

The modern and innovative paper ballot solution.

As the leader in digital ballot scanning, Hart continues to expand its technology footprint. Introducing the only new voting system on the market. With easy deployment on a compact hardware platform, Verity Scan makes paper ballot voting easy, affordable, and adaptable.

12.1
inch display

28.3
pounds

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Verity Scan: Features & Benefits

- **The most intuitive voting experience ever**
  Design for Democracy templates and plain language voter instructions support "second chance" voting for mismarked ballots.

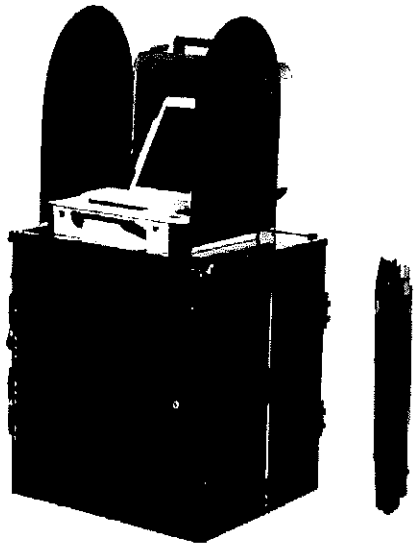
- **Cost effective**
  Accommodates commercial off-the-shelf paper stock.

- **On-site results**
  Prints ballot count totals or unofficial tally results in the polling place, if desired.

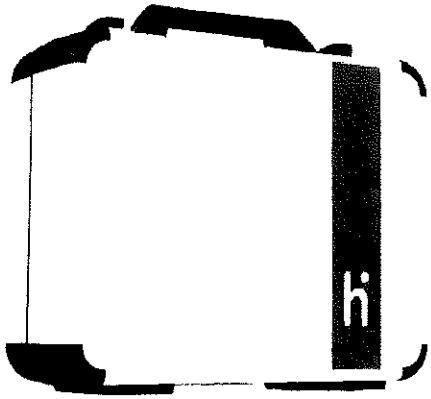
- **Accurate, fast scanning**
  Process duplex ballots in seconds. Insert with any orientation style. Images capture voter intent.

- **Security & Transparency**
  Record ballots and audit log data in redundant, secure storage locations.

- **Auditability**
  Post-election access to full images of scanned ballots for complete transparency and auditability.



Collapsible ballot box folds to 5" thin for light, easy portability and storage.



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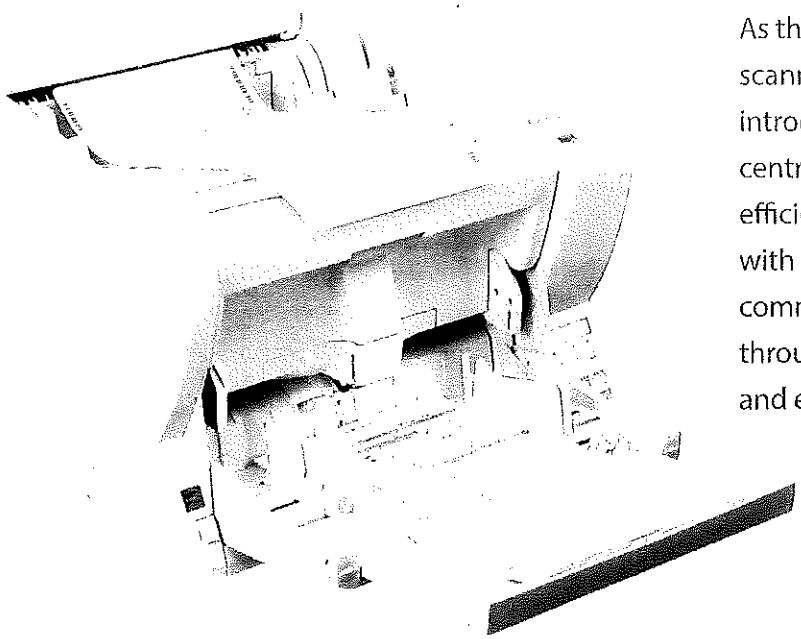
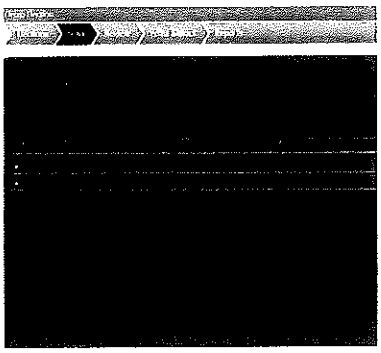
Verity Central

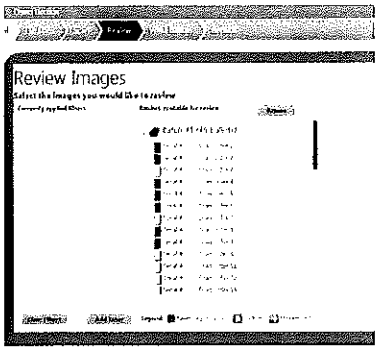
Digital Ballot Scanning

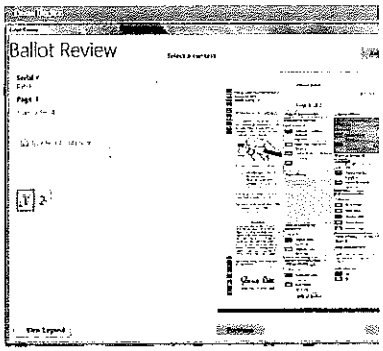


The all-digital central scan system.

As the pioneer in digital ballot scanning for over a decade, Hart introduces the future of high-speed central scanning. Verity Central is more efficient, adaptable and transparent, with purpose-built software and commercial scanners that support fast throughput, seamless management, and easy auditability.







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Verity Central: Features & Benefits

Efficiency
Every aspect of Verity Central has been designed for fast throughput and an efficient workflow. No pre-sorting of ballots is required before scanning, so batches can include multiple ballot styles and languages in any orientation.

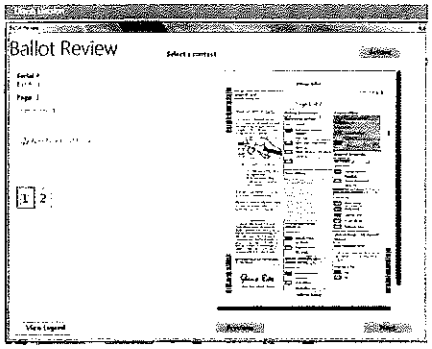
Fewer bottlenecks
Verity Central scans without tabulating, so you can start scanning weeks before the close of polls on Election Day, or as often as you want. No more late nights to finish scanning by-mail ballots.

On-screen adjudication & robust filtering
Digital scanning allows color-coded on-screen adjudication of ballot images, so you can digitally segregate ballots containing overvotes, undervotes, write-ins, and a vast array of other important variables; with digital ballot management, there's no need to out-stack and re-scan ballots, and your ballots are preserved in their original form, with minimal handling.

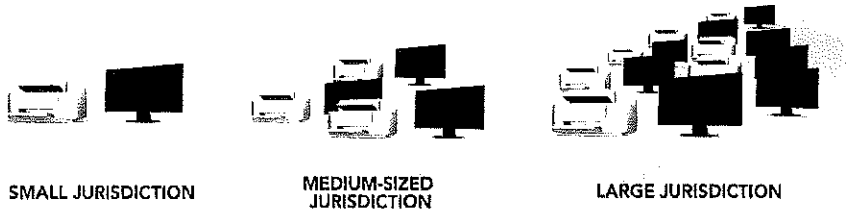
Cost-effective Options
Verity Central works with multiple scanners at different price points, so there's a good option for any size jurisdiction. Central can accommodate commercial off-the-shelf paper stock, meaning no proprietary paper is required.

Transparency and easy auditability
Verity Central's robust image filters allow you to identify, manage, and print images of exactly the ballots you want, with plain-language processing notes so you and any observers can easily understand exactly how voter selections are recorded.

Configuration options, including networking capability
With options for multiple, networked scanning stations connected to a central server, you can cost-effectively add capacity as needed. This provides scalability and adaptability, with no single point of failure.



Color-coded scanned ballot images allow fast, intuitive resolution.



Scalable to accommodate multiple client scanning networked workstations.

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Verity Touch

Electronic Voting

The future of electronic voting.

Verity Touch is a modern, compact, and intuitive touchscreen DRE that is 2005 compliant. Verity Touch sets new standards for usability, easy deployment, and adaptability.

12.1
inch display

28.3
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Verity Touch: Features & Benefits

The most intuitive voting experience ever
The Touch interface, based on EAC/AIGA "Design for Democracy" templates, is modern, fresh, and intuitive. The 12.1" touchscreen interface offers clarity and confidence for voters, with fewer keystrokes, higher voter satisfaction, and reduced residual votes.

Voter Independence
Voters activate their own ballot with a poll-worker distributed Access Code —no activation cards or other accessories required.

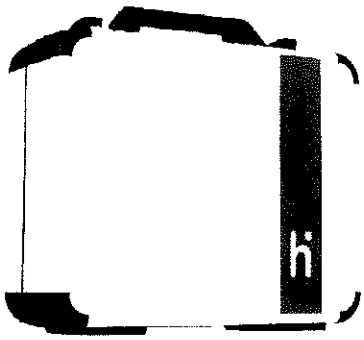
Modern Touch Screen
The touchscreen display uses modern "5-wire" touchscreen technology for best accuracy, reliability, and easy maintenance.

Adaptable
Connect multiple Verity Touch units in a single chain, or deploy a single unit for all-in-one "grab & go" simplicity.

ADA Accessible
Optional Verity Access component provides tactile buttons, audio ballots, and compatibility with common adaptive devices.

Manage multiple ballot styles with ease
Support early voting & vote centers by providing all ballot styles at consolidated locations, with no paper ballots to manage.

The optional Verity Access controller retains the essential features of Hart's much-lauded eSlate® Rotary Wheel, while adding new enhancements such as beveled tactile edges, dishing for all buttons, and a simplified design.



Easy transport, set-up, and storage. Touch is completely self-contained in a secure case.

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