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Sent: February 24, 2010 10:57 AM
To: Mark Shelden
Subject: RE: county payments to OCVR

The report lists the full amount of the state maintenance contract at \$750,000 so I would assume the county costs would be included in the amount that is shown in the state expense column. I think I see your question. It is unclear to me from the footnotes how the county OCVR payments were included. If the full \$750,000 state expense was added to the county payments that could possibly double count the county expense for that item. The county payments do offset some of the state expense.

Dave

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 The state agency costs are detailed on page 5 of the report.

http://www.pewcenteronthestates.org/uploadedFiles/The_Real_Cost_of_Voter_Registration.pdf

At some point I'd like to verify whether the various costs detailed for OCVR in the Pew report are adjusted down to reflect payments from the counties.

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Mark, the counties send the money to us and we pay Saber/EDS/HP and the other vendors involved for all OCVR costs. Counties do have to supply personal computers, printers and scanners to complete the system but the State pays vast majority of the system costs and part of those costs are offset by the county contributions.

I don't have a copy of the report at hand but I have seen it.

As for the Dept. of Human Services costs I know John obtained those directly from DHS. DHS has several offices around the state and I'm sure they calculated a portion of their payroll expenses into this estimate.

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 I think it does. But I'm not exactly clear. The counties send \$500,000 to you or to EDS? The Pew report has a total of 2.7 million for the OCVR costs. I'm not sure if you're aware of the breakdowns. If you are, I'd be curious about the DHS NVRA compliance cost of \$458,000.

I appreciate your quick response.

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Sent: February 23, 2010 4:29 PM
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Hi Mark,

Upon creation of our centralized voter registration system we reached agreements with the 36 counties that they would contribute to the ongoing maintenance of the system. The logic behind this was that they were individually paying for local systems that would be replaced by OCVR (Oregon Centralized Voter Registration). Our system is a top down system and includes elections management functionality so counties were able to discard their existing systems (except for vote tally equipment, Oregon is all vote by mail so we use centralized optical scan tally equipment).

The counties annual contribution equals about \$500,000 per year. I believe John took this amount into account when he put the PEW report together. The county contribution covers about half of the maintenance and software licensing costs to run OCVR.

I hope this answers your questions.

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Mr. Franks,

I'm doing some research on the costs of voter registration. In looking at some of the spreadsheets that were provided to Pew on their research project, I notice payments from counties to OCVR. I'm wondering what the total of those payments is in one year and whether those funds paid by the counties were reflected in the cost to OCVR of 2.7 million that came out in the Pew report.

Hope this makes sense. It appears that the revenue side is not reflected in Pew. But maybe I don't have all the details.

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