

**WHAT:** Public Hearings of The Technical Guidelines Development Committee (TGDC) under the Help America Vote Act of 2002 (Public law 107-252)

**WHERE:** National Institute of Standards and Technology, North Campus,  
820 West Diamond Avenue, Room 152  
Gaithersburg, MD 20899

Due to security requirements advance registration is required.  
A registration form will be available by September 6, 2004 at this web site.

**WHEN:** September 20, 21, 22, 2004 from 9 am to 5 pm.

**WHY:** The Technical Guidelines Development Committee operates in an advisory capacity to the Election Assistance Commission. Part of its mission is to gather data and information through public testimony on issues affecting trust and confidence in voting systems. The TGDC offers the public and election community the opportunity to provide testimony relevant to voting system issues relevant to HAVA and the standards development process on the days specified below:

September 20, 2004: Computer Security and Transparency

September 21, 2004: Core Standards requirements and Testing

September 22, 2004: Human Factors and Privacy

Individual oral testimony will be restricted to five minutes with five minutes for Committee questioning. The Committee will also receive written and electronic testimony. If you wish to provide testimony, please request in writing or via email to the contact listed below.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:**

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**ADDITIONAL BACKGROUND :**

Public Law 107-252: The Help America Vote Act of 2002 (HAVA) establishes the Technical Guidelines Development Committee (TGDC) to assist the Executive Director of the Election Assistance Commission (EAC) in the development of voluntary voting system guidelines. HAVA names the Director of the National Institute of Standards and Technology (NIST) to chair the TGDC and requires NIST to provide the TGDC with

technical support necessary to carry out its duties.

The duties of the Committee include the gathering and analysis of data and information related to the security of computers, human factors, voter privacy, and methods to detect and prevent fraud. The purpose of the hearings is to provide an opportunity for the election community to offer testimony on technical issues related to the TGDC's voluntary voting standards development process. The relevant issues include security, transparency, human factors, privacy, core standards requirements and testing of voting systems. Further information on the hearings will be available at <http://vote.nist.gov> including registration on or about September 3, 2004.