



FEDERAL VOTING ASSISTANCE PROGRAM
DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE
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Dear Survey Participant:

The Federal Voting Assistance Program is getting ready to conduct the 2004 Post-election Survey. We conduct this survey after each Presidential election year and provide a report to the President and Congress with the results.

Your assistance is important to us as we try to improve the absentee voting process. It is also an important tool to evaluate our program.

You should be receiving a survey in the mail shortly after the November 2, 2004 election. You may respond by returning the survey in the return postage paid envelope or by using a secure web site on the Internet. The web site address and access code will be printed on the front page of the survey.

We have retained Sirota Consulting, a New York-based survey research firm, to assist us in conducting this survey. Sirota will be hosting the web site for electronic survey responses. Their subcontractor, Pearson NCS in St. Paul, Minnesota, will be in charge of mailing the surveys and receiving survey responses returned by mail. All responses will be confidential. The results will be summarized in a statistical format, making it impossible to identify the answers of individuals. All surveys are destroyed following data analysis.

We appreciate your taking the time to complete this questionnaire and to provide us with your comments and recommendations on the absentee voting process.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "P. K. Brunelli".

P. K. Brunelli
Director