

1st E-mail -- Initial Announcement

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E-mail Subject: 2010 Post-Election Voting Survey of Overseas Civilians

The Federal Voting Assistance Program (FVAP), in coordination with the Defense Manpower Data Center (DMDC), has selected you to participate in the "2010 Post-Election Voting Survey of Overseas Civilians." This survey collects information on the absentee voting experience of U.S. civilians living overseas during the 2010 federal election process. The findings will be used to improve the Federal Voting Assistance Program (FVAP) and the absentee voting process for overseas civilians. We hope you will take 30 minutes to participate. You do not have to complete the survey in one sitting. You can start and stop as necessary.

Although the survey is voluntary, the Post-Election Voting Survey is one of the only tools we have to gauge the absentee voting process experienced by uniformed service members and U.S. civilians abroad. We consider your information and your opinions vital to improving the absentee voting process. The results will be used only to improve the federal voting process for overseas civilians and will not be shared with the Internal Revenue Service. The survey does not require you to provide any personally identifiable information, such as your name, date of birth, or social security number. Your responses will be kept private to the extent permitted by law.

The secure Web site for the survey is:

<https://www.drksurveys.com/DMDC/overseas>

The survey is administered by our contractor, Data Recognition Corporation, an experienced survey operations company. Click the address above and you will be directed to a secure Web site to complete the survey. If that does not work, "copy and paste" this address into the Web address box of your Internet browser. Be sure to enter the address into the Web address box, not into a search engine, such as Google. You may be prompted with a security alert. If so, follow the instructions and proceed to the secure survey Web site.

If you have any questions about this survey, or would like more information on the FVAP Post-Election Voting Survey Program, please contact Mr. Allan White (FVAP), who can be reached at 1-800-438-VOTE or e-mail vote@fvap.gov.

Please contact our Survey Processing Center by e-mailing: PEV2Survey@osd.pentagon.mil, if you cannot access the Web site or if have any technical questions.

For your convenience, DMDC has set up a telephone line for anyone who wishes to verify the survey's legitimacy. Call 1-703-696-7427 for a list of current DMDC surveys.

In accordance with DoD Instruction 8910.01, all data collection in the Department must be licensed and show that license as an Office of Management and Budget (OMB) Control Number with an expiration date. The OMB for this survey is OMB# [OMB NUMBER], expiring [OMB DATE].

Thank you. We appreciate your willingness to take the survey and provide us with your comments and recommendations on the absentee voting process.