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**FVAP UOCAVA-ELIGIBLE CIVILIAN FOCUS GROUPS**

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General Information about the recruit:

Recruit Overview

No. of participants: Recruit 14 for a 10-person group

Duration: Focus group will last no more than 2 hours and 15 minutes

Start time: TBD based on schedules of recruits.

Incentive: $125

# Call Script:

Hello, my name is (name) and I’m calling from Lake Research Partners on behalf of FVAP, the Federal Voting Assistance Program which is part of the Department of Defense.

I am calling to invite you to participate in a research study FVAP is conducting around voting among U.S. citizens who are living overseas. This is a one-time discussion to discuss experiences with voting. Participation and responses will remain completely confidential and will be used only for the purposes of our research. You will be compensated $125 for your time.

Lake Research Partners is working on behalf of FVAP in this research effort. Researchers from Lake Research Partners will be conducting these in-person interviews in [LOCATION NAME] on [DATE(S)].

# E-mail Script [TO BE USED ONLY IF PHONE NUMBER IS UNLISTED/UNWORKABLE]:

Hello, my name is (name) and I’m writing from Lake Research Partners on behalf of FVAP, the Federal Voting Assistance Program which is part of the Department of Defense.

I am writing to invite you to participate in a research study FVAP is conducting around voting among U.S. citizens who are living overseas. This is a one-time focus group where people like you who are U.S. citizens living overseas will discuss experiences with voting. Participation and responses will remain completely confidential and will be used only for the purposes of our research.

Lake Research Partners is working on behalf of FVAP in this research effort. Researchers from Lake Research Partners will be conducting these focus groups in [LOCATION NAME] on [DATE(S)]. **Please reply with your phone number if you are interested in participating; a staff member will call you to confirm your participation.**

The Department of Defense (DoD) authorized the use of your contact information so that you could be informed of the research. If you are interested in participating, I’d like to ask you a few questions. These questions are asked so that the DoD can better understand how the difficulties encountered with voting various across key demographic groups. Your responses to these questions cannot be linked to your contact information.

[DON'T ASK -- BUT DO RECORD GENDER]

Man continue 1

Woman continue 2

1. Are you a U.S. citizen?

Yes continue 1

No TERMINATE 2

2. Thinking back to the November 2012 election in the United States, were you registered to vote in that election, did you try to register, or, like many people, did you not get a chance to register to vote?

Yes, registered continue 1

Not registered but tried continue 2

Did not register/did not attempt TERMINATE 3

[ASK IF Q2=1]:

3. Some people who were located overseas during the November 2012 election in the United States had a chance to vote by absentee ballot, some people attempted to vote but were unable to, and others did not get a chance to vote. Out of the following, what would best describe your voting experience this past November?

I voted in the 2012 U.S. election. TERMINATE……… 1

I tried to vote in the 2012 U.S. election but was unable to (continue) 2

I did not try to vote in the 2012 U.S. election continue… 3

5.What country were you living or based in during the November 2012 general election?

RECORD \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

6. Where were you employed at the time of the November 2012 general election

RECORD \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

[TERMINATE IF U.S. FEDERAL AGENCY EMPLOYER]

**Demographics**

7.What is the last year of schooling that you have completed?

1 - 11th grade continue 1

High school graduate continue 2

Non-college post H.S.

(e.g. technical) continue 3

Some college – 2 years

or less (e.g. jr. college) continue 4

Some College - More than

2 years continue 5

College graduate continue 6

Post-graduate school continue 7

(Don't know) TERMINATE 8

8. What is your age? **[READ CATEGORIES]**

Under 17 years old TERMINATE 1

18 to 24 continue 2

25 to 29 continue 3

30 to 34 continue 4

35 to 44 continue 5

45 to 49 continue 6

45 to 49 continue 7

50 to 54 continue 8

55 to 60 continue 9

61 to 64 continue 10

65 or older continue 11

9. When you voted in the last election, what city and state was that for?

City\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

State\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

**[READ IF PERSON MEETS SCREENING CRITERIA:**]

We would like to invite you to participate in this exciting study on overseas and absentee voting. You will be compensated $125 for your time.

The information we collect from you will be used for research purposes only. Your participation will be video and audio recorded. We respect your privacy and protect your confidentiality. Identifying information such as your name, address, e-mail or phone number will not be used or associated with the research data or reporting.

Would you like to participate in our study? [IF YES:] Thank you. We will follow up to confirm the time of the interview, the location, and other logistics.

**Please record the following information for each recruit and send to Lake Research Partners. Please submit these recruit profiles to LRP on an ongoing basis as soon as participants are screened and confirm their willingness to participate.**

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JOB TITLE: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

LOCATION: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

DAY PHONE: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

CELL PHONE: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

EMAIL ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

GENDER: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

AGE: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

LEVEL OF EDUCATION: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

ANSWERS TO Q1-Q8

ANY NOTES ON AVAILABILITY: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_