



# 2014 Post-Election Voting Survey of Local Election Officials

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## **How to Contact Us**

If you have questions or concerns about this survey, you have three ways to contact the Survey Operations Center:

• Call: 1-800-881-5307

• E-mail: leo-survey@mail.mil

• Fax: 1-763-268-3002

# **Frequently Asked Questions**

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# What is the Federal Voting Assistance Program (FVAP)? Top

• FVAP administers the Uniformed and Overseas Citizens Absentee Voting Act (UOCAVA) on behalf of the Secretary of Defense. FVAP works to ensure that all Service members, their eligible family members, and overseas citizens are aware of their right to vote and have the tools to do so - from anywhere in the world.

#### What is Defense Manpower Data Center (DMDC)? Top

• DMDC maintains the largest archive of personnel, manpower, training, and financial data in Department of Defense (DoD). DMDC also conducts Joint-Service surveys including the Status of Forces Surveys, QuickCompass, and Human Relations Surveys for the Department of Defense. To learn more, visit the DMDC website.

http://www.dmdc.osd.mil/

## What is the Post-Election Voting (PEV) Program? Top

• Post-Election Voting (PEV) surveys are sponsored by the Director of the FVAP as the Presidential

designee to administer the Uniformed and Overseas Citizens Absentee Voting Act of 1986 (UOCAVA). UOCAVA, as amended by the Military and Overseas Voter Empowerment Act (MOVE Act), requires FVAP to report to Congress on how effective programs are for assisting the uniformed services and overseas voters in Federal elections. The PEV surveys are designed to assist FVAP in administering UOCAVA and are used to develop ways to make absentee voting easier for military personnel and overseas citizens.

## What is UOCAVA? Top

The Uniformed and Overseas Citizens Absentee Voting Act (UOCAVA) was enacted in 1986.
UOCAVA law permits members of the Uniformed Services and Merchant Marines, their eligible family members, and U.S. citizens residing overseas, to vote in Federal elections. FVAP has been charged with administering UOCAVA law and works to ensure UOCAVA citizens their right to vote no matter where in the world they may be residing.

## How do I know this is an official, approved DoD survey? Top

• In accordance with <u>DoD Instruction 8910.01</u>, 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 control number for this survey is 0704-0125, expiring 11/30/15.

# How did you pick me? Top

• DMDC uses well-established, scientific procedures to randomly select a sample that represents the local election official community based on combinations of demographic characteristics (e.g., jurisdiction size).

# Why should I participate? Top

• This survey will provide FVAP with critical information to help improve the services and information they provide you and other local election officials. Your input will be used to shape the absentee voting program in ways that directly affect your office.

#### How do I participate? Top

• The survey will be available at this website around OPENDATE. Currently you may (1) read the Agency Disclosure Notice and Privacy Notice, (2) verify contact information, and (3) provide e-mail address(es) so we can notify you when the survey launches.

#### What is leo-survey@mail.mil? Top

• The official e-mail address for communicating with local election officials about about Post-Election Voting (PEV) surveys.

#### Why am I being asked to use the web? Top

• Web administration enables us to get survey results to senior Defense leaders faster.

## Do I have to answer all questions? Top

- No, it is not necessary to answer every question. We know you are very busy so the survey will let you start and stop as necessary, while continuing to save your progress.
- Within the survey screen, you have four control buttons: *Next Page* (→), *Previous Page* (←), *Clear Responses*, and *Save and Return Later*. Use these buttons to navigate through the survey or skip questions. Use *Save and Return Later* to give yourself flexibility to complete the survey at a convenient

time. When you return to the survey website, enter your Ticket Number to get to the place in the survey where you had stopped.

## Will my answers be kept private? Top

- Please view the Privacy Act Statement
- Data you provide may be identifiable to DoD or the Federal Voting Assistance Program (FVAP).
- We encourage you to safeguard your Ticket Number to prevent unauthorized access to your survey. In addition, to ensure your privacy, be aware of the environment in which you take the survey (e.g., take the survey when no one else is home, take care to not leave the survey unattended).

# Can I withdraw my answers once I have started the survey? Top

• If you wish to withdraw your answers, please notify the Survey Processing Center prior to CLOSEDATE by sending an e-mail to <a href="leo-survey@mail.mil">leo-survey@mail.mil</a> or calling, toll-free 1-800-881-5307. Include your name and Ticket Number.

# Will I ever see the results of the survey? Top

• FVAP will post survey results and a corresponding post-election report to Congress at <a href="http://www.fvap.gov/">http://www.fvap.gov/</a>

