

## INTRODUCTION

Please read the following information carefully. It explains the purpose of the 2017 Overseas Citizen Population Survey and how the findings of this survey will be used.

This survey is being conducted by the Federal Voting Assistance Program (FVAP), which 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. This survey will provide FVAP with critical data to help improve the services and information available to voters residing outside of the United States. Data from this survey will be used in reports to the president and Congress; the Department of Defense is required to conduct this survey to meet its reporting requirements under the Uniformed and Overseas Citizens Absentee Voting Act (UOCAVA) as modified by the Military and Overseas Voter Empowerment Act (MOVE). Some findings from this survey may also be published in professional journals or presented at conferences.

Completing this survey is voluntary. Most people can complete the survey in 10 minutes. This survey does not collect or use personally identifiable information (PII) and is not retrieved by personal identifier. There is no penalty if you choose not to respond. However, we strongly encourage you to participate so that the data will be complete and representative. Your responses will be treated as confidential. Identifying information will not be collected in this survey or delivered to FVAP.

### Additional Information

#### Survey Eligibility and Potential Benefits

A sample of registered voters requesting absentee ballots to be sent to an international address was selected to participate in the survey. There is no direct benefit for your individual participation; however, your responses, when combined with the responses from other overseas citizens, will *make a difference* in helping identify absentee voting difficulties that arise and areas where FVAP's products and services can be improved.

#### Statement of Risk

The data collection procedures do not involve any substantial risk of disclosure of data.

If you experience any difficulties completing the survey, please contact the Survey Processing Center by sending an email to [helpdesk@overseascitizensurvey.com](mailto:helpdesk@overseascitizensurvey.com) or call 877-374-6217 toll-free. If you have concerns about your rights as a research participant, please contact the OUSD(P&R) Research Regulatory Oversight Office at 703-681-6522/703-681-6320 or e-mail [RDHA\\_R2O2\\_PR@mail.mil](mailto:RDHA_R2O2_PR@mail.mil).

Once you start answering the survey, if you desire to withdraw your answers, please notify the Survey Processing Center before [DATE]. Please include in the email or phone message your name and ticket number. Unless withdrawn, partially completed survey data may be used after that date.

### Paperwork Reduction Act Notice

The public reporting burden for this collection of information is estimated to average 10 minutes per response, including the time for reviewing instructions, searching existing data sources, gathering and maintaining the data needed, and completing and reviewing the collection of information. Send comments regarding this burden estimate or any other aspect of this collection of information, including suggestions for reducing this burden to the Department of Defense, Washington Headquarters Services, Executive Service Directorate, Directives Division, Office of Information Management, 4800 Mark Center Drive, East Tower, Suite 02G09, Alexandria, VA 22350-3100 (0704-0539). Respondents should be aware that notwithstanding any other provision of law, no person shall be subject to any penalty for failing to comply with a collection of information if it does not display a currently valid OMB control number.

Thank you for participating in our survey. It is only by hearing from everyone that we can be sure that the results are truly representative. Your participation is voluntary and you may choose not to answer specific questions.

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