

Subject: RE: Re: RE: GASOS ORR #23-452
Date: Wednesday, January 17, 2024 at 11:00:48 AM Eastern Standard Time
From: ORR Administration
To: AO Records
Attachments: 23-452.zip

EXTERNAL SENDER

Good morning,

Please see the attached for records responsive to your request. A payment link has been sent.

Best,

Open Records Staff

From: AO Records <records@americanoversight.org>
Sent: Thursday, January 4, 2024 11:51 AM
To: ORR Administration <openrecords@sos.ga.gov>
Subject: Re: Re: RE: GASOS ORR #23-452

EXTERNAL EMAIL: Do not click any links or open any attachments unless you trust the sender and know the content is safe.

Good morning,

We approve of this fee. Please send us information on where you'd like us to send our payment when possible.

Thank you,
Dylan Winters

From: ORR Administration <openrecords@sos.ga.gov>
Date: Thursday, December 21, 2023 at 11:36 AM
To: Khahilia Shaw <khahilia.shaw@americanoversight.org>, ORR Administration <openrecords@sos.ga.gov>
Cc: AO Records <records@americanoversight.org>
Subject: RE: Re: RE: GASOS ORR #23-452

EXTERNAL SENDER

Good morning,

This search generated 546 hits. This updates the fee estimate to \$230.80. Please notify us if you accept these charges or would like to proceed with this request.

Best,

Open Records Staff

From: Khahilia Shaw <khahilia.shaw@americanoversight.org>
Sent: Thursday, December 14, 2023 1:46 PM
To: ORR Administration <openrecords@sos.ga.gov>
Cc: AO Records <records@americanoversight.org>
Subject: Re: Re: RE: GASOS ORR #23-452

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Good afternoon,

Thanks for your message. We would like to further narrow this request as follows:

- In Part 1, in addition to removing items F – G, please also remove item A, and items H through O.
- In Part 2, in addition to removing items J – M, please also remove items F through H.

Please let us know of the revised fee estimate.

Thank you,

Khahilia Shaw | (she/her)
Counsel | American Oversight
khahilia.shaw@americanoversight.org | 202.539.6507
www.americanoversight.org | @weareoversight

From: ORR Administration <openrecords@sos.ga.gov>
Date: Monday, December 11, 2023 at 1:10 PM
To: Khahilia Shaw <khahilia.shaw@americanoversight.org>
Subject: RE: Re: RE: GASOS ORR #23-452

EXTERNAL SENDER

Good afternoon,

Our initial search generated 3,110 responsive records. With the revised search parameters, this search generated 3,033 records. This updates the cost estimate to \$953.46. We do not have the capability to utilize Boolean search terms. Please let us know how you would like to proceed.

Best,

Open Records Staff

From: Khahilia Shaw <khahilia.shaw@americanoversight.org>
Sent: Thursday, December 7, 2023 4:15 PM
To: ORR Administration <openrecords@sos.ga.gov>
Cc: AO Records <records@americanoversight.org>
Subject: Re: Re: RE: GASOS ORR #23-452

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Good afternoon,

In an effort to reduce the cost and number of responsive records for both our offices, we have some additional

questions and proposals.

1. If an initial search has been run, approximately how many potentially responsive records have been located?
2. Is your office able to utilize Boolean terms in conducting the search?

As is, we are willing to remove items F – G for Part 1 of the request, and items J – M for Part 2. If your office is able to use Boolean terms, we would be able to remove additional items from the search.

Please let us know the extent to which these revisions affect the new fee estimate.

Thank you,

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From: Khahilia Shaw <khahilia.shaw@americanoversight.org>
Date: Wednesday, November 29, 2023 at 11:08 AM
To: ORR Administration <openrecords@sos.ga.gov>
Cc: AO Records <records@americanoversight.org>
Subject: Re: RE: GASOS ORR #23-452

Good morning,
Thanks for your message. We would like to work with your office to clarify or narrow our request to see if a lower fee estimate can be found. Since we have responded to your initial email within 3 days, we request that you consider this request on hold until we provide any adjustments to the request language.

Best,

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From: ORR Administration <openrecords@sos.ga.gov>
Date: Monday, November 27, 2023 at 4:37 PM
To: AO Records <records@americanoversight.org>
Subject: RE: GASOS ORR #23-452

EXTERNAL SENDER

Good afternoon,

We have received your request. We can provide responsive records by 1/9/2024, and this request will incur a cost of \$1,010.64. Please notify us within three business days if you accept these charges.

Best,

Open Records Staff

From: AO Records <records@americanoversight.org>
Sent: Monday, November 20, 2023 4:52 PM
To: ORR Administration <openrecords@sos.ga.gov>
Subject: Open Records Request (GA-SOS-23-1126)

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Dear Open Records Officer:

Please find attached a request for records under Georgia's public records laws.

Sincerely,

Mariuxi Pintado | (she/hers)
Senior Paralegal | American Oversight
records@americanoversight.org
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Open Records Request: GA-SOS-23-1126

From: Taylor, Livia Maia <lmtaylor@sos.ga.gov>
To:
Date: 6/13/2023 8:27:11 AM
Subject: RE: ERIC Dues Invoice #1397

Good Morning,

Ms. Favors is no longer with our Agency. Your invoice was received, and it has been forwarded to our AP department (no further action is needed).

In the future, please send **all invoices to ap@sos.ga.gov**.

We appreciate your assistance!

Regards,

Livia Taylor

Procurement Officer II
Office of Secretary of State Brad Raffensperger
2 MLK Jr. Drive, Suite 820 W Tower
Atlanta, Georgia 30334
470-312-2652
lmtaylor@sos.ga.gov

From: ERIC <quickbooks@notification.intuit.com>
Sent: Monday, June 12, 2023 7:00 PM
To: Evans, Blake <bevans@sos.ga.gov>; Walker, Lisa <lwalker@sos.ga.gov>; Favors, Verneicher <vfavors@sos.ga.gov>; Sterling, Gabriel <gsterling@sos.ga.gov>; Harris, Jesse <jharris@sos.ga.gov>
Cc: shane.hamlin@ericstates.org
Subject: ERIC Dues Invoice #1397

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INVOICE 1397 DETAILS



ERIC

DUE 07/31/2023

\$89,082.00

Print or save

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Dear Blake:

Attached is an invoice, dated today, for Georgia's ERIC membership dues for July 2023-June 2024. Payment is due July 31, 2023. For cash flow purposes payment is appreciated by this deadline. As per Article 11, Section 5, of the ERIC Bylaws, dues must be paid within 90 days of the due date for this invoice. Failure to pay dues within 90 days of the due date indicated on this invoice may result in automatic removal from ERIC.

For your records, please also find attached a copy of ERIC's most recent W-9.

Please let me know if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

Shane Hamlin
Executive Director

Bill to

Georgia Secretary of State's Office, Elections
Division
Blake Evans, Elections Director
214 State Capitol
Atlanta, GA 30334

Terms

Net 30

Membership Dues

\$89,082.00

ERIC Membership Dues (Period: 07/01/2023 - 06/30/2024)

Balance due

\$89,082.00

Payment:

Electronic payments are preferred. Bank account and routing numbers can be provided for electric payment.

Please direct physical checks in care of Shane Hamlin, ERIC Executive Director, to the address listed above. Please make sure the address and name are exactly as shown on this invoice. Thank you!

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ERIC

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To: [Evans, Blake <bevans@sos.ga.gov>](mailto:bevans@sos.ga.gov)

[Walker, Lisa <lwalker@sos.ga.gov>](mailto:lwalker@sos.ga.gov)

[Sterling, Gabriel <gsterling@sos.ga.gov>](mailto:gsterling@sos.ga.gov)

[Harris, Jesse <jharris@sos.ga.gov>](mailto:jharris@sos.ga.gov)

[AP <ap@sos.ga.gov>](mailto:ap@sos.ga.gov)

Date: 6/26/2023 8:29:51 PM

Subject: ERIC Dues Invoice #1413

Attachments: [2023 eric w-9.pdf](#)

[Invoice 1413 from ERIC.pdf](#)

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INVOICE 1413 DETAILS



ERIC

DUE 07/26/2023

\$1,044.00

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Dear Blake:

Attached is an invoice, dated today, for Georgia's ERIC membership dues for July 1, 2023 – June 30, 2024. Payment is due within 30 days, which is July 26, 2023. For your records, please also find attached a copy of ERIC's most recent W-9.

For cash flow purposes payment is appreciated by the July 26, 2023, deadline. If a member is unable to pay by the deadline there is a 90-day grace period mentioned in the bylaws

before a state automatically loses membership in ERIC due to non-payment. The full text of the relevant bylaw provision is below. For your information, the 90-day deadline is October 24, 2023.

In the past, ERIC has experienced mail delivery delays with our mail forwarding service when the sender does not use our address exactly as it appears on the invoice. If paying by hard copy check, please use ERIC's name and address as printed on the invoice. If electronic payment is available, and ERIC is not registered for this payment method, let me know.

As always, please let me know if you have any questions.

Thank you,

Shane Hamlin
Executive Director

ERIC Bylaws:

Article II, Section 5. Dues.

Each member shall pay annual membership dues. The Board of Directors shall determine, from time to time, the amount, method of calculation, and deadline for payment of such dues (the "Dues Schedule"). The Dues Schedule may be amended, modified, or substituted by a majority vote of the entire membership. No dues will be refunded after payment. Any member of the Corporation who is delinquent in the payment of dues shall be notified of the delinquency and suspended from certain privileges of membership as provided for in the membership agreement. If dues are ninety (90) days delinquent, the delinquent member shall forfeit all rights and privileges of membership and be automatically removed from membership. Each year, the Board of Directors shall set the Dues Schedule and notify all members of their dues no fewer than ninety (90) days prior to payment being due.

Bill to

Georgia Secretary of State's Office,
Elections Division
Blake Evans, Elections Director
214 State Capitol
Atlanta, GA 30334

Terms

Net 30

Membership Dues

\$1,044.00

ERIC Membership Dues Balance (Period: 07/01/2023 - 06/30/2024)

Balance due \$1,044.00

Payment:

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To: [Fuchs, Jordan <jfuchs@sos.ga.gov>](mailto:jfuchs@sos.ga.gov)
Date: 9/20/2023 11:15:40 AM
Subject: ERIC release

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Multi-state agreements will allow states greater access and cooperation in ensuring that voter rolls are properly maintained, and Georgia will be in a unique position to continue robust list maintenance efforts. Due to Georgia's membership in ERIC, Georgia will continue to receive regular reports reflecting outdated voter registration information. Additionally, these cooperation agreements will provide information between other non-ERIC states.

From: RSinners@sos.ga.gov
To: Fuchs, Jordan <jfuchs@sos.ga.gov>
Date: 9/11/2023 9:54:21 PM
Subject: Fwd: List Maintenance Release

Sent from my iPhone

Begin forwarded message:

From: "Sinners, Robert" <RSinners@sos.ga.gov>
Date: September 11, 2023 at 3:47:00 PM EDT
To: "Fuchs, Jordan" <jfuchs@sos.ga.gov>
Cc: "Hassinger, Mike" <mhassinger@sos.ga.gov>, "Evans, Blake" <bevans@sos.ga.gov>, "McGowan, Charlene" <cmcgowan@sos.ga.gov>
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CO	3206
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DC	920
DE	357
FL	17914
IA	448
IL	3361
KY	2027
LA	3
MD	2651
ME	429
MI	3114
MN	741
MO	1005
NM	436
NV	1268
OH	2667
OR	808
PA	3031
RI	186
SC	11216
TX	8499
UT	750
VA	4636
VT	146
WA	2334
WI	1208
WV	233
TOTAL	82077

From: [Sinners, Robert <RSinners@sos.ga.gov>](mailto:RSinners@sos.ga.gov)
To: [Evans, Blake <bevans@sos.ga.gov>](mailto:bevans@sos.ga.gov)
[McGowan, Charlene <cmcgowan@sos.ga.gov>](mailto:cmcgowan@sos.ga.gov)
Date: 9/20/2023 12:37:24 PM
Subject: RE: Can you approve? FW: ERIC release

Thank you Blake and Charlene!

From: Evans, Blake <bevans@sos.ga.gov>
Sent: Wednesday, September 20, 2023 12:24 PM
To: McGowan, Charlene <cmcgowan@sos.ga.gov>; Sinners, Robert <RSinners@sos.ga.gov>
Subject: RE: Can you approve? FW: ERIC release

Edits:

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ERIC remains the only large-scale list maintenance tool available to identify voters who have moved out-of-state and anyone who might fraudulently vote in multiple ERIC-member states in a General Election. ERIC is valuable for both list maintenance and election security. These state-to-state cooperation agreements are necessary to exchange data with non-ERIC member states.

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Blake Evans
Elections Director
Georgia Secretary of State
Direct: 470-312-2777
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From: McGowan, Charlene <cmcgowan@sos.ga.gov>
Sent: Wednesday, September 20, 2023 11:39 AM

12/21/2023

GA-SOS-23-1126-A-000011

To: Sinners, Robert <RSinners@sos.ga.gov>; Evans, Blake <bevans@sos.ga.gov>
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Sent: Wednesday, September 20, 2023 11:32 AM
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Date: 9/12/2023 12:43:44 PM

Subject: Re: List Maintenance Release

Attachments: [image001.jpg](#)

Thank you sir!

Sent from my iPhone

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To: [Hassinger, Mike <mhassinger@sos.ga.gov>](mailto:mhassinger@sos.ga.gov)
Date: 8/23/2023 12:57:49 PM
Subject: Re: ERIC request

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Recommended edits

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3 “find Brad letter calling on congress to implement his four point plan and quote it.”

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3 “As the Secretary has said previously, the federal ban on list maintenance 90 days prior to federal elections is a hindrance to maintaining the most up-to-date voter lists possible. The National Voter Registration act was passed five years before Google was invented, and needs to be updated to accommodate modern technologies and capabilities.”

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Mike,
I’m working on an article about ERIC’s impact on list maintenance in Georgia. I appreciate the numbers you previously provided, and I have some follow-up questions:
How well does the secretary of state’s office think ERIC is working?
What is ERIC doing well, and where does list maintenance need improvement?

12/21/2023

GA-SOS-23-1126-A-000018

What changes in state and federal laws would most improve list maintenance?
Thank you.

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[Sinners, Robert <RSinners@sos.ga.gov>](mailto:RSinners@sos.ga.gov)
Date: 9/20/2023 12:24:21 PM
Subject: RE: Can you approve? FW: ERIC release

Edits:

Secretary Raffensperger Leads with Interstate Voter Data Agreements

Secretary Raffensperger announced the latest measure in Georgia's efforts to maintain the cleanest and most up to date voter rolls in the country, with the completion of four cooperation agreements with Alabama, Virginia, Florida, and South Carolina (also an ERIC member). Through Georgia's membership in the Electronic Registration Information Center (ERIC), our state receives notifications when Georgia voters move into 24 other states and the District of Columbia (D.C.). With these additional agreements, Georgia can now monitor interstate movement with a total of 27 other states plus D.C.

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This effort is part of a larger initiative to develop best practices and increase interstate cooperation in preparation for the 2024 Presidential election. Earlier this year, Secretary Raffensperger released his [Four Point Plan for Election Security](#) in the 2024 election, and continues to work with other state and federal agencies to secure Georgia's position as a national leader in election security.

"Putting these agreements in place is crucial to maintaining the most accurate voter rolls in the nation," said Secretary Raffensperger. "We're working with other Secretaries of State and Chief Election Officials to ensure that Georgia has visibility into which voters have moved out of state, which voters have registered in different states, and which of our voter registration records may need to be updated. This gives Georgia the best view into current voter status and the most accurate voter rolls in the country."

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Sent: Wednesday, September 20, 2023 11:39 AM
To: Sinners, Robert <RSinners@sos.ga.gov>; Evans, Blake <bevans@sos.ga.gov>
Subject: RE: Can you approve? FW: ERIC release

This is fine with me. I just have one suggestion and that is to change the phrase "has visibility into which voters..." in the quote to "can identify which voters..."

Looping in Blake to make sure he's ok with it.

From: Sinners, Robert <RSinners@sos.ga.gov>
Sent: Wednesday, September 20, 2023 11:32 AM
To: McGowan, Charlene <cmcgowan@sos.ga.gov>
Subject: Can you approve? FW: ERIC release

Can you approve? Jordan signed off. Thanks!

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Date: 6/13/2023 7:13:02 AM

Subject: Re: ERIC Dues Invoice #1397

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Sent: Tuesday, June 13, 2023 6:14:56 AM

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I believe this would be 24 funds.

Thanks,
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Doe the PO need to be cut now with FY23 funds or when the new budget for FY24 opens?

Kim

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Approved on my end.

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Subject: FW: Notice of UT EBU Exemption Request, ERIC Response, and Next Steps

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[ERIC Response Letter - UT EBU Exemption Request 11-28-2023.pdf](#)
[EBU Exemption Process Guide V1.0 Nov 28 2023.pdf](#)

Utah is requesting an exemption from the EBU. There will be a vote at the December 8th ERIC meeting.

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 Georgia Secretary of State
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Subject: Notice of UT EBU Exemption Request, ERIC Response, and Next Steps
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Sent to the ERIC Board of Directors and Secondary Points of Contact*

Directors,

On Sept. 8, 2023, Utah submitted a written request for an exemption from the EBU Report requirements. Section 4(a) of the ERIC Membership Agreement specifies the conditions and process for requesting an exemption. (You may recall during at least one of the EBU open mic discussions I mentioned I had received an exemption request. At the time I wasn't ready to disclose the identity of the requesting member because the Chair and I were still working through our determination.)

Consistent with the process laid out in Section 4(a), the Chair and I reviewed the request. Following the process described in the attached "EBU Exemption Process Guide", we concluded Utah's request is "reasonable." Our determination means that the request must be submitted to the board for vote. The agenda for the Dec. 8 meeting will include a discussion and vote on the request.

I've attached three documents for your review:

1. Lt. Governor Henderson's request, as submitted in September.
2. The EBU Exemption Process document Jonathan and I put together to use in assessing the reasonableness of Utah's request. This document will be helpful to you, as well. I urge you to consider reading it first. ERIC will use the process/steps in this doc to evaluate all future exemption requests.
3. Response letter from me, also on behalf of the Chair, to Lt. Governor Henderson informing her that we found the request reasonable.

Action Items for you:

1. Following your internal communication and briefing protocols, be sure to discuss the request and the attached materials with your principles prior to the Dec. 8 meeting.

2. Come to the meeting prepared to ask Director Cowley any questions you may have.
3. Come to the meeting prepared to vote on the request. The vote requires a simple majority to pass.

As always, please let me know if you have any questions.

I will send out the full agenda and other meeting materials for the Dec. 8 meeting no later than next Monday, Dec. 4.

Thank you,

Shane Hamlin
Executive Director
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I may add a few more data points to the letter and then circulate again.

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Jordan,

Attached is the latest version of our request for an EBU exemption. It has undergone several revisions since you last saw it.

If you are good with this, I will send it to ERIC.

Thank you,

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I am dropping the ERIC folks and adding in Kimberly and Matt in case there are any questions.

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For your records, please also find attached a copy of ERIC's most recent W-9.

Please let me know if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

Shane Hamlin
Executive Director

Bill to

Georgia Secretary of State's Office,
Elections Division
Blake Evans, Elections Director
214 State Capitol
Atlanta, GA 30334

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Balance due \$89,082.00

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Will do

Kind regards,

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Agenda:

1. Emerging risks to ERIC's ongoing operations.
2. Additional steps ERIC is taking to provide assurances your data is secure/being protected.
3. Rough dues estimates for next fiscal year.
4. ERIC membership updates.

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Subject: ERIC question

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Hi Blake,

I hope you are doing well! Nice seeing you at NASED.

Do you know if we've received information on ERIC dues for next year? Shane is on vacation, and we need to give our Finance Division a pretty good ballpark by today. I know we discussed dues increasing at NASED, but since I'm relatively new to this position, I'm not sure if we've received more definitive information.

Thanks so much for any input.

Best,
Kristin

Kristin Sullivan
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Jonathan and Blake –

I sent Christina their membership close-out letter today. Among the standard close-out topics, the letter makes it clear Texas is obliged to pay the FY204 dues and we are expecting payment by Oct. 24 – the final day for payment under the deadlines established in the bylaws. Texas' resignation takes effect Oct. 19. If you'd like, I can pull the letter up at our next weekly check in meeting.

Thanks,

Shane Hamlin
Executive Director
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	6 City, state, and ZIP code Washington, DC 20036	
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Part I Taxpayer Identification Number (TIN)

Enter your TIN in the appropriate box. The TIN provided must match the name given on line 1 to avoid backup withholding. For individuals, this is generally your social security number (SSN). However, for a resident alien, sole proprietor, or disregarded entity, see the instructions for Part I, later. For other entities, it is your employer identification number (EIN). If you do not have a number, see *How to get a TIN*, later.

Note: If the account is in more than one name, see the instructions for line 1. Also see *What Name and Number To Give the Requester* for guidelines on whose number to enter.

Social security number									
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Part II Certification

Under penalties of perjury, I certify that:

- The number shown on this form is my correct taxpayer identification number (or I am waiting for a number to be issued to me); and
- I am not subject to backup withholding because: (a) I am exempt from backup withholding, or (b) I have not been notified by the Internal Revenue Service (IRS) that I am subject to backup withholding as a result of a failure to report all interest or dividends, or (c) the IRS has notified me that I am no longer subject to backup withholding; and
- I am a U.S. citizen or other U.S. person (defined below); and
- The FATCA code(s) entered on this form (if any) indicating that I am exempt from FATCA reporting is correct.

Certification instructions. You must cross out item 2 above if you have been notified by the IRS that you are currently subject to backup withholding because you have failed to report all interest and dividends on your tax return. For real estate transactions, item 2 does not apply. For mortgage interest paid, acquisition or abandonment of secured property, cancellation of debt, contributions to an individual retirement arrangement (IRA), and generally, payments other than interest and dividends, you are not required to sign the certification, but you must provide your correct TIN. See the instructions for Part II, later.

Sign Here	Signature of U.S. person ▶	Date ▶ <u>6/12/2023</u>
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- Form 1099-S (proceeds from real estate transactions)
- Form 1099-K (merchant card and third party network transactions)
- Form 1098 (home mortgage interest), 1098-E (student loan interest), 1098-T (tuition)
- Form 1099-C (canceled debt)
- Form 1099-A (acquisition or abandonment of secured property)

Use Form W-9 only if you are a U.S. person (including a resident alien), to provide your correct TIN.

If you do not return Form W-9 to the requester with a TIN, you might be subject to backup withholding. See What is backup withholding, later.



ERIC Eligible but Unregistered Report: Exemption Process

Background

ERIC’s mission is to help states improve the accuracy of America’s over rolls, increase access to voter registration for all eligible citizens, reduce election costs, and increase efficiencies in elections.

To effectuate the part of ERIC’s mission aimed at increasing access to voter registration for all eligible citizens, ERIC provides its members with reports that identify potentially “eligible but unregistered” individuals (EBU Reports). EBU Reports include only individuals who have a driver’s license or state identification card, but who do not appear to be registered to vote.

Section 4(a) of the ERIC Membership Agreement specifies the requirements for acting on an EBU Report.¹ This section also includes a process by which members may apply for an exemption from the EBU Report requirements, as follows:

“If a Member adopts legislation or policies that have the potential to accomplish the objectives of this section by alternative means, Member may apply to ERIC for an exemption from the requirements of this section of the Membership Agreement by sending a written request to the Executive Director of ERIC and the Chair of the Board. Such written application shall explain the basis for Member’s assertion that the alternative means will effectively achieve the objectives of this section. If the Executive Director of ERIC and the Chair of the Board believe the request is reasonable, it shall be presented to the Board for a vote and, if granted, a determination on the timing of implementation of the exemption.”

In 2016, Oregon became the first ERIC Member granted an exemption. Oregon’s exemption remains active as of 2023. No other members have requested or received an exemption from the EBU Report requirements.

The ERIC Board of Directors has not engaged in extensive discussions about the EBU Report exemption process since granting Oregon’s exemption. However, the bipartisan workgroup formed in 2022 to review various governance reform proposals did engage in extensive discussions about the exemption, including the request process, the merits of offering an exemption, and the merits of repealing the exemption process.² In addition, several members have indicated they may submit an exemption request.

EBU Exemption Request Framework and Process

Purpose: The remainder of this document outlines the EBU exemption review process, which is intended to facilitate a fair determination process that complies with the letter and spirit of Section 4(a). The focus is on the framework the Chair of the Board (Chair) and the Executive Director (ED) will use to assess whether an exemption request is “reasonable” and, therefore, should be presented to the Board for broader discussion and a vote. A request is “reasonable” if the Chair and ED can reasonably conclude the member’s legislation or policies will “effectively achieve the objectives” of the EBU Report.

¹ Sec. 4(a) requirements, in part, are as follows: “When the Member receives ERIC Data regarding eligible or possibly eligible citizens who are not registered to vote, the Member shall, at a minimum, initiate contact with each and every eligible or possibly eligible citizen and inform them how to register to vote. Each Member shall have until October 1 or fifteen (15) days before the close of registration, whichever is earlier, of the next Federal General Election year to initiate contact with at least 95% of the eligible or potentially eligible citizens on whom data was provided and address validation was performed, as described above.”

² This workgroup convened seven (7) times between September 2022 and February 2023.

Process Initiation-Member Request: As set forth in Sec. 4(a), to initiate the EBU exemption review process, the member must submit a written request to the ED and the Chair. Under Section 4(a), a member may only submit a written exemption request if it believes as a threshold matter it has adopted or implemented “legislation or policies that have the potential to accomplish the objectives” of the EBU Report by “alternative means.” The member must then explain in the exemption request how its “alternative means” (legislation, policies, or programs) will “effectively achieve the objectives” of the EBU Report.

EBU Exemption Request Review-Procedural Steps:

- 1. Review Request:** The Chair and ED will review the request in accordance with the “Reasonableness Review” Guidelines section below. They will make a determination in a reasonable timeframe, taking into account the impending deadline for acting on an EBU Report, the requesting member’s elections schedule, and other relevant factors. The Chair and ED may request additional information from the requesting member to inform their review.
- 2. Communicate Decision to Requesting Member:** The Chair and ED will communicate their decision to the requesting member in writing. If the request is not found reasonable, the Chair and ED may offer to meet with the requesting member. The requesting member may be given the option to amend or withdraw the request.
- 3. Communicate Decision to the Board of Directors:** The written request and decision, regardless of the outcome, will be shared with the Board of Directors. Additional supporting documentation may also be shared. Determining a request is reasonable is not a recommendation to vote “yes” when the board convenes to act on the request.
- 4. Board of Directors Meeting:** For each request deemed reasonable, the Chair and the ED will convene a meeting of the Board of Directors for a discussion and vote. The outcome of the board vote is final. This meeting will happen within a timeframe that respects the impending deadlines for acting on an EBU report, the requesting member’s elections schedule, and the challenges inherent in convening members for a board meeting.
- 5. Requesting Member Participation in Board Meeting:** The requesting member’s member representative may make a statement and should be prepared to answer questions about its EBU exemption request at the meeting of the Board of Directors. However, consistent with ERIC’s policy and practice of avoiding conflicts of interest in managing issues that may materially affect a state’s membership, the requesting member’s representative will then be recused from the discussion and the vote. After the Board concludes its discussion, the member representative will be invited back to hear the outcome and participate in the remainder of the meeting.

Executive Director and Board Chair “Reasonableness Review” Guidelines: The Chair and ED’s determination of whether a request is “reasonable”—that is, whether they can reasonably conclude the member’s legislation or policies will “effectively achieve the objectives” of the EBU Report—will be guided by the following “Policy Statements” and “Guiding Questions.” These statements and questions consider the language used in Section 4(a), the generally accepted intent of the EBU Report, and other factors related to voter registration programs.

Policy Statements

1. Minimally NVRA-compliant “motor-voter” programs have had a tremendous impact on expanding access to voter registration opportunities.³ However, these programs are imperfect.
2. The EBU Report is intended to help mitigate the imperfections in these motor-voter programs.

³ As used in in this document and the process, “minimum NVRA-compliant motor-voter program” means the member’s Department of Motor Vehicles (or equivalent agency) operates a program that meets the minimum requirements for compliance with the NVRA. This would exclude, for example, “front-end” or “point of service” style Automated/Automatic Voter Registration programs.

3. In states that are exempt from the NVRA, the EBU Report can help reduce “Election-day Voter Registrations.” This can improve the new voter’s experience with the voting process and reduce administrative burdens on election officials.
4. By the nature of how the EBU Report is generated, it focuses on increasing voter registration opportunities to potentially eligible individuals who have a state issued ID or driver’s license.

Guiding Questions

1. Does the member’s legislation, policy, and/or program enhance voter registration opportunities beyond the minimally NVRA-compliant process during a transaction at the agency responsible for administering the motor-voter program?
2. Does the member’s legislation, policy, and/or program provide increased voter registration opportunities to individuals with state issued IDs or driver’s licenses at locations or through methods other than a transaction at the agency responsible for administering the motor-voter program?
3. Does the member’s legislation, policy, and/or program provide increased opportunities for voter registration to potentially eligible individuals, including those who may not have a state issued ID or driver’s license?
4. When considering all elements of the member’s legislation, policy, and/or program, is it reasonable to conclude the member’s efforts will “effectively achieve the objectives” of the EBU Report requirements?

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November 28, 2023

The Honorable Deidre M. Henderson
Utah Lieutenant Governor
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Salt Lake City, Utah 84114-2325

RE: Request for an Exemption from the Eligible but Unregistered Report Requirements

Dear Lt. Governor Henderson:

On behalf of the 24 other members of the Electronic Registration Information Center, thank you for your stalwart support for the organization and its mission. As a founding member, Utah has effectively utilized ERIC to maintain accurate voter rolls and provide voter registration information to potentially eligible but unregistered citizens for over 10 years.

Sec. 4(a) of the ERIC Membership Agreement requires the Chair of the Board of Directors and Executive Director to review written requests for exemptions from the requirements associated with the Eligible but Unregistered (EBU) Report. If the Chair and Executive Director determine the request is “reasonable” it must be “presented to the Board for a vote and, if granted, a determination of the timing of implementation of the exemption.”

This letter serves to inform you that Jonathan Brater, Chair of the Board of Directors, and I completed our review of your request for an EBU Report exemption. **We conclude your request is reasonable.** It will be presented to the Board for a vote at the December 8, 2023, virtual Board of Directors meeting.

In making this determination, the Chair and I followed the process described in the enclosed document. In short, it is reasonable to conclude Utah’s policies and programs, as described in the exemption request and when taken together, will effectively accomplish the objectives of the EBU report.

As discussed in the enclosed EBU Exemption Process document, Director Cowley should be prepared to answer questions about the programs summarized in the request when the Board convenes on December 8. Consistent with ERIC’s practice to avoid conflicts of interest in managing issues that may materially affect a state’s membership, Director Cowley will be asked to recuse himself from the discussion and the vote after answering questions from the board. Of course, he will be invited back to hear the outcome and participate in the remainder of the meeting.

Thank you again for making excellent use of Utah's ERIC membership. Please let me or Chair Brater know if you have any questions or would like to discuss our determination.

Sincerely,



Shane Hamlin
Executive Director

Cc:

Jonathan Brater, Chair of the ERIC Board of Directors

Ryan Cowley, Utah Director of Elections and member of the ERIC Board of Directors and Executive Committee

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INVOICE # 1397
DATE 06/12/2023
DUE DATE 07/31/2023
TERMS Net 30

ACTIVITY	AMOUNT
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Membership Dues ERIC Membership Dues (Period: 07/01/2023 - 06/30/2024)	89,082.00
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Payment:
Electronic payments are preferred. Bank account and routing numbers can be provided for electric payment.
Please direct physical checks in care of Shane Hamlin, ERIC Executive Director, to the address listed above. Please make sure the address and name are exactly as shown on this invoice. Thank you!

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ACTIVITY	AMOUNT
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Brad Raffensperger
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January 16, 2024

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Mr. Jonathan Brater
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Re: Exemption from the Eligible but Unregistered Requirement

Dear Executive Director Hamlin and Chair Brater,

As you may know, Georgia has one of the most successful Automatic Voter Registration (AVR) programs in the country. The runaway success of Georgia's AVR program has been confirmed by separate, independent studies by both the Brennan Center and the Center for Election Innovation and Research. Georgia's AVR program registers all eligible voters during their interaction with the Department of Driver Services (DDS) unless the person expressly opts-out of utilizing their information for voter registration purposes. Due to that program and pursuant to Section 4(a) of the ERIC Membership Agreement, Georgia requests an exemption from the requirement to then contact those voters after they have affirmatively declined to have their information used for voter registration purposes.

Pursuant to Section 4(a) of the Membership Agreement, Georgia should be exempt from the requirement to contact potentially Eligible but Unregistered (EBU) voters because, in Georgia, the potential EBU's that ERIC identifies are all people who affirmatively confirmed during their interaction with DDS that they did not want their information utilized for voter registration purposes. This falls squarely within the reason for the exemption contemplated by the Membership Agreement.

To be very clear, when a person goes to DDS to complete a transaction, data is securely exchanged with DDS and our statewide voter registration system unless a voter specifically affirmatively indicates to DDS they do not want their information shared for voter registration purposes. The default position is that information for all eligible voters is shared with the statewide voter registration system unless the person affirmatively opts out of that process.

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Georgia was one of the first states to be 100% REAL ID compliant, which means that the interactions our citizens have at DDS are both highly secure and lead to highly accurate information. Because of AVR, county registrars in Georgia receive the most accurate information possible when voters move to Georgia or within Georgia. Georgia's AVR also includes seamless citizenship verification, ensuring that registered voters in Georgia are U.S. citizens.

According to a recent study on Georgia's AVR by the Center for Election Innovation and Research (CEIR), Georgia reached a 98% active registration rate of its voting eligible population in 2020, up from 78% prior to the implementation of AVR in 2016. The CEIR study concluded that "the available evidence suggests that AVR has been a driving force in improving voter list accuracy and increasing the active voter registration rate to include nearly all eligible Georgians." The full CEIR report on the effectiveness of Georgia's AVR can be found here: <https://electioninnovation.org/research/georgia-automatic-voter-registration/>. I encourage you to read the full CEIR report which provides in-depth analysis of our AVR process.

In Georgia, every interaction that an eligible voter has with DDS is automatically used for voter registration purposes unless the person affirmatively declines to use their information for voter registration purposes. Therefore, the EBU mailing does not add value to Georgia's voter registration processes because we already have the most accessible and robust procedures in place to allow seamless registration and updates for eligible voters. For that reason, Georgia should be exempt from ERIC's EBU requirement according to the Membership Agreement. Thank you for your consideration of this request.

Sincerely,

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Secretary of State



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Dear Executive Director Hamlin and Chair Brater,

I am writing you to apply for an exemption from the Eligible but Unregistered (EBU) report ERIC generates for member states. This written request for exemption is made pursuant to instructions in Section 5(a) of the Membership Agreement. Georgia should be exempt from the EBU process because of our robust Automatic Voter Registration (AVR) program that automatically and securely sends data from transactions at the Department of Driver Services (DDS) unless eligible citizens specifically decline to send their data to voter registration offices.

Georgia implemented Automatic Voter Registration (AVR) in September of 2016, and our state's implementation of AVR has been one of the most successful in the country. AVR ensures that all eligible Georgia citizens have the opportunity to register to vote and that our voter rolls remain as accurate as possible. AVR, along with our other list maintenance processes, helps ensure that registered voters are assigned to their proper precincts and can vote in their appropriate contests during elections.

To be very clear, when a voter goes to DDS to complete a transaction, data is securely exchanged with DDS and our statewide voter registration system unless a voter specifically indicates to DDS they do not want their information shared for voter registration purposes. The process we have built ensures that county registrars get the most accurate information possible when voters move into a new county. Our AVR is built pursuant to O.G.C.A. § 21-2-221.2, which outlines specific steps that must occur to verify the citizenship and identity of any records that go through this process. Any applicant whose information is automatically transferred from DDS to the state voter registration system first has their identity and United States citizenship

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verified. After that, their application is reviewed by a local registrar, and the local registrar must process the application before the voter record is newly registered or moved into their county.

According to a report on Georgia's AVR by the Center for Election Innovation and Research (CEIR), about 78% of Georgia's Voting Eligible Population (VEP) were registered voters with Active status at the time of AVR implementation in 2016. By 2020, that number had risen to 98%, which was 10 percentage points higher than the national average. In 2022, registered voters with Active status comprised 92% of Georgia's VEP. In addition to voters with Active status, there were about 858,000 voter records with Inactive status in 2022. Under Georgia law, voters with Inactive status can vote following the same processes and procedures as voters with Active status.

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I encourage you to read the full CEIR report which provides in-depth analysis of our AVR process. Again, all Georgia citizens who are eligible to register to vote that complete a transaction with DDS have their application automatically transferred to our state voter registration system unless they specifically decline to have their data used for voter registration.

In conclusion, the EBU mailing does not add value to Georgia's voter registration processes because we already have very accessible and robust procedures in place that allow eligible citizens to submit applications for voter registration through DDS unless they specifically decline. For that reason, I am requesting an exemption from ERIC's EBU requirement.

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¹ For these studies, see <https://www.brennancenter.org/media/156/download>;
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DEIDRE M. HENDERSON
LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR

Dear Director Hamlin and Chair Brater,

First, I extend my thanks for your service to the Electronic Registration Information Center and its member states. ERIC is a unique tool in our elections toolbox that fights election fraud by keeping voter rolls clean and accurate.

I am sending this letter to respectfully request an exemption for the state of Utah from the requirements of Section 5(a) of the ERIC Membership Agreement, commonly known as the eligible but unregistered voters (EBU). In Utah, we meet and exceed the voter outreach standards for the EBU requirement.

An EBU report compares DLD data against data from Utah's registration system. In our case, every person on the EBU in Utah consciously chose not to register despite multiple opportunities and outreach efforts.

The state of Utah spends significant resources on voter outreach, including our Campus Cup program. The friendly competition between Utah's higher-ed institutions educates and engages young adults to participate in the bedrock of our republic. Utah encourages eligible voters through a number of other programs and systems, including:

- A. **Traditional registration.** Utah offers voter registration through paper forms at various locations around the state, including city and county buildings, and libraries. Registration forms are available in both Spanish and English. The state provides them to any group or organization planning a voter registration drive.
- B. **Online Registration.** Utah allows for online voter registration and updates at www.vote.utah.gov (20A-2-206).
- C. **Opt Out DMV Registration.** Any eligible citizen must affirmatively opt out of sharing their information for voter registration purposes or with the county clerk (20A-2-204). This applies to all new driver's license applications, renewals, and address updates.
- D. **Preregistration.** Utah allows individuals to pre-register if they are 16-17 years old and otherwise eligible to vote (20A-2-101.1). Pre-registered voters are automatically activated and sent a ballot when they turn 18, or for any elections where they are 17, but will be 18 on or before

the date of the General Election. Seventeen year olds can vote in a primary as long as they will be 18 on or before the General Election.

E. **Campus Cup** is a statewide voter challenge sponsored by the Utah Lieutenant Governor to encourage voter registration and engagement in the election process (See attached materials).

F. **Voter Outreach.** Utah has traditionally spent about \$400,000 each federal election year on advertising key election events, including voter registration. This money is spent on outdoor billboards, digital marketing, streaming services, social media, etc.

G. **Same day registration.** As a failsafe for any eligible citizens that have not registered to vote, Utah allows same-day registration at the polls during early voting and on Election Day. Early voting is required to be held for at least four days and can be held for up to four weeks before each election (20A-2-207).

This demonstrates Utah's commitment to voter outreach to all eligible voters. We provide many opportunities to engage in the process and register to vote. These laws, policies, and efforts far exceed the purpose and reach of the EBU requirement. To that end, I hereby request an exemption to Section 5(a) of the ERIC Membership Agreement on behalf of the state of Utah.

As we continue our membership in ERIC, we thank you for your consideration. I look forward to hearing from you soon.

My regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Deidre M. Henderson". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Deidre M. Henderson
Utah Lieutenant Governor