

# **STATE OF NEBRASKA**

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### **Gale announces ES&S as successful bidder for statewide voter registration system**

LINCOLN – Nebraska Secretary of State John Gale announced that Election Systems & Software (ES&S) of Omaha has been deemed the successful bidder to implement a new voter registration system in Nebraska.

The state of Nebraska will use ES&S' PowerProfile Voter Registration and Election Management System to construct a central, secure database of registered voters statewide as mandated by the U.S. Congress. The schedule calls for the system to be fully implemented in all 93 counties by October 2005, in time for use during the 2006 elections.

The computer registration system will cost approximately \$4 million and will be entirely paid with Nebraska's share of federal funds from the Help America Vote Act of 2002. It is not anticipated that any county will have to use local funds to complete the project.

"ES&S came out the winner in a highly competitive bidding process," Gale said. "We look forward to introducing this state-of-the-art technology to Nebraska elections."

He noted the company's proven performance record in Nebraska elections. "For the past 20 years, ES&S has provided secure, reliable election systems and exceptional service to the counties and voters of Nebraska," he said.

Voter registration in Nebraska has been done on a county-by-county basis. The ES&S system will enable Nebraska to comply with the Help America Vote Act, which requires that states implement a centralized voter registration system.

ES&S' PowerProfile is a fully integrated system, enabling officials to register voters, qualify candidates and conduct elections with a single software solution. All 93 Nebraska counties will be able to process registrations on a centralized system, allowing officials to identify and eliminate duplicate registrations.

“We look forward to helping Nebraska transition to the latest in voter registration technology,” said Aldo Tesi, ES&S president and CEO. “This system will enable state and county officials to quickly and easily update their records and greatly increase their productivity and level of efficiency.”

ES&S is a leader in the field of elections, with more than three decades of experience. The company has a customer base of more than 2,100 jurisdictions in the United States.

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