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Secretary of State Bowen to Lead Media Tour of Secured Testing Area for Top-to-Bottom Review of Voting Systems

WHAT:

Secretary of State Debra Bowen will lead a media tour of the facilities where the top-to-bottom review of voting systems currently certified for use in California elections is being conducted. Secretary Bowen will be joined by the University of California's Matthew Bishop, the Principal Investigator leading the red-team examination of the voting systems.

Credentialed news media are invited to tour the public observation room and the secured red-team testing room where equipment from Sequoia, Diebold and Hart InterCivic is being tested by expert teams with backgrounds in computer security, cryptography, information technology and electronic voting.

The media tour is part of Secretary Bowen's goal of openness in the top-to-bottom review. Federal and state testing of voting systems has never before been this public. For legal and security reasons, no live testing will take place during the media tour.

Because space is limited, reporters and photographers are strongly encouraged to reserve their place on the tour by calling the Secretary of State's Communications Office. While a pool report is not expected to be necessary, it is possible if media interest is high and room capacity is not sufficient.

Secretary Bowen designed the top-to-bottom review to ensure that California voters are being asked to cast their ballots on machines that are secure, accurate, reliable and accessible. For more background on the review, visit http://www.sos.ca.gov/elections/elections_vsr.htm.

WHEN: Monday, July 2, 2007
11:00 a.m.

WHERE: Secretary of State's Building
First Floor Rotunda
1500 11th Street
Sacramento

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