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TO: Texas County Judges
CC: Texas County Election Officials and Financial Officers
FROM: Dan Glotzer, HAVA Grant Manager
DATE: February 14, 2008
RE: Notice of Funding Availability for Voting Access for Individuals with Disabilities Grant Program Pursuant to the Help America Vote Act

In September of 2006, all Texas counties were allotted funding for "Individuals with Disabilities Grant Program" as authorized by the Help America Vote Act ("HAVA") and was awarded to Texas through the US Department of Health and Human Services. In the February 1, 2008 issue of the Texas Register, it was announced that the funding available to each county is being increased to the following amounts:

Making Polling Places Accessible

Using polling location statistics for the 2006 March Primary, the county may apply for funding not to exceed the following amounts:

a) Increased from \$2,000 to \$2,500 for counties with 10 polling locations or less; b) Increased from \$4,500 to \$5,000 for counties with 50 polling locations or less; and, c) Increased from \$7,000 to \$7,500 for counties with polling locations of more than 50.

Provide the Same Opportunity for Access and Participation to Individuals with Disabilities

Using polling location statistics for the 2006 March Primary, the county may apply for funding not to exceed the following amounts:

a) Increased from \$1,450 to \$1,500 for counties with 10 polling locations or less; b) Increased from \$1,650 to \$1,750 for counties with 50 polling locations or less; and, c) Increased from \$1,850 to \$2,000 for counties with polling locations of more than 50.

Because the funding will begin to expire (lapse) at the federal level beginning this year, the SOS is requiring that counties submit their budget via the Texas HAVA online grant system at <http://hava.tamu.edu> **no later than April 30, 2008**. Counties that do not submit a budget via the online grant system by April 30, 2008 will forfeit their funding. A county that submits a budget for a portion of the funding for which it is eligible will not forfeit the unbudgeted amount and may submit a grant adjustment prior to the expiration of the funding period to allocate the remaining balance.

For additional information about the funding, including the eligible uses and the time period for the which the funding is available, you can review the terms and conditions of the Making Polling Places Accessible and Provide the Same Opportunity for Access and Participation to Individuals with Disabilities grant awards at <http://www.sos.state.tx.us/elections/hava/funding.shtml> (Funding Purpose Areas are in Section 6 and the Grant Period is outlined in Section 15 of both grant award terms and conditions).

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