

THE OPEN VOTING CONSORTIUM (OVC) PLAN

1. PLANNING, DEMONSTRATION

- Proposals, papers, presentations
- Voting equipment demo development and showings
- Develop organization
- First individual memberships
- Engaging target communities
- Legislation, lobbying
- Information distribution/discussion via Internet, email, phone, radio/tv and print media, meetings, rallies, word-of-mouth

2. IDENTIFICATION, DISCLOSURE, INITIALIZATION

- First key organizational memberships
- OVC committees form and begin work
- Voting technology disclosure — voluntary and/or mandatory
- First *OVC Listed* service marks for voting systems issued
- Begin Election Rules Database
- Production open source software development
- Begin non-proprietary hardware design
- Begin production use of disclosed and/or open source technology

3. TRANSITION

- Final OVC specifications published
- First *OVC Tested* service marks issued — testing limited to products meeting OVC specifications and disclosure requirements
- OVC becomes federally approved test lab
- Vendors begin implementing products designed by others
- True open source (free) software ready for wide use
- Many jurisdictions using OVC voting systems — use spreading due to market forces
- Non-proprietary hardware designed and used

4. STEADY-STATE OPEN VOTING IN U.S.

- Non-proprietary hardware implemented throughout voting system
- True open source software (free) available across the nation
- Voting system vendors compete on service, not on ownership of proprietary hardware or software
- Election Rules Database complete and in use
- Largely uniform voting system throughout U.S.
- Open Voting technology easily adapted in other countries

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