

Conflict of Interest Statement—VoComp 2007 ¹

1. (for non-competitors only) Do you feel you have a possible conflict of interest in evaluating any of the competitors? If so, please list and briefly describe such possible conflicts. In particular, please include possible conflicts as defined by the National Science Foundation for grant review panelists (e.g, past or present academic advisor, collaborator within past two years, family relationship, financial relationship). See <http://www.nsf.gov/pubs/2002/form1230p/form1230p.doc>

Richard Carback (Punchscan Team) is doing a MS and PhD under my supervision at UMBC. I am a coauthor on two Punchscan publications (WOTE 06, WOTE 07).

2. At this time, I am a Board member, a committee member, or an employee of the following organizations.

UMBC, National Center for the Study of Elections at UMBC, USCF College Chess Committee. Expert witness in two cases not involving voting for Wilmer & Hale, and Kirkland & Ellis LLP. Expert witness for State of Maryland (through Attorney General's Office) for two cases involving Diebold voting equipment.

3. I disclose below any employment arrangement or agreement, investment, or contract in which I have been involved at any time since January 1, 2004, that involved or included any voting equipment manufacturer or vendor, or election reform advocates, which has resulted or will result in personal financial benefit to me or financial benefit to any of the following types of entities Paragraph A: voting technology manufacturer(s), developer(s), and/or service providers.

Expert witness for State of Maryland in Fox vs. Maryland, and Shade vs. Maryland. As an investigator in the Maryland Study of Vote Verification Technologies conducted through UMBC's MIPAR, I signed some NDAs with the companies that made the technologies we studied. Warren D. Smith (Center for Range Voting) is a CoPI with me on a pending grant proposal to the Pew Charitable Trusts, submitted via UMBC.

4. I disclose below my receipt, directly or indirectly (including through the entities listed under paragraph A), of any salary payments, loans, or gifts of any kind or of any free service, discounts, or other personal financial benefit, from any person or organization engaged in any election reform efforts or from any voting equipment manufacturer or vendor at any time since January 1, 2004.

None.

5. I disclose below any funding or other support I have received, directly or indirectly, for research or other activities from any person or organization engaged in any election reform efforts or from any voting equipment manufacturer or vendor at any time since January 1, 2004. Funding provided to one of the entities listed in response to Paragraph A should be included in the disclosures below.

VoComp is sponsored in part by ES&S, HP, NSF. (I am also supported by DoD IASP grants and a chess grant from the Maryland State Dept. of Education.)

6. Are there any other relationships or situations not covered by this statement that you believe may present a real or perceived conflict of interest if you participate in this project? If so, please explain this

¹ Adapted from Brennan Center ethics statement.

relationship or situation.

Maryland State Board of Elections as described above. David Chaum (Voteegrity) has offered suggestions for VoComp.

Date: 7-8-07 Signature: _____

Printed name: Alan T. Sherman

VoComp Role (mark all that apply): Official, Judge, Program Committee Member, Competitor