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FROM: Karen Brinson Bell, Executive Director

DATE: January 30, 2025

RE: Homeland Security Grant Program award to replace Unity 3.4.1.1

On September 1, 2024, the State Board of Elections was awarded \$42,100 to improve election security by replacing outdated, Windows XP reliant Unity election management systems in counties through the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) Homeland Security Grant Program.

As a county listed in this memorandum, the State Board of Elections shall pay for your county to upgrade/replace Unity 3.4.1.1, which has Windows XP as its operating system and is no longer supported. The grant award is evenly divided among the 14 identified counties, such that each county may apply \$3,007.14 towards a new election management system per the North Carolina Elections Systems Certification Program and Numbered Memo 2021-01 (revised July 20, 2023). Payment will be made by NCSBE to the certified voting system company upon completion of the certification and procurement process defined in the Certification Program and the numbered memo.

Laptops/desktops provided under this grant will be tagged as State-owned fixed assets, and counties will be required to maintain inventory records, reportable to the State Board of Elections annually in June.

Questions or additional assistance should be directed to Neil Baddour, Voting Technology Certification Manager, at neil.baddour@ncsbe.gov.