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ELECTION ASSISTANT Technology could Help Missouri Comply with D of J Lawsuit

Saint Louis, MO – (November 23rd, 2005)-- A patent pending software application called the Election Assistant™ helped the City of Saint Louis, Missouri comply to the U.S. Department of Justice consent decree earlier this year. The Saint Louis based company, Election Administrators, LLC, will now try to help resolve the newest lawsuit against the entire State. Tuesday the Department of Justice sued Missouri and Robin Carnahan, Secretary of State, because of the overwhelming number of inactive voters registered in the State.

The Election Assistant™ is a software application that runs on inexpensive Palm Pilots. The easy to use application allows poll judges to access the entire voter registration database including active and inactive voters. Voters in the City of Saint Louis can go into any polling place to find out their voter registration status. If a voter finds he or she is inactive a form is filled out by the poll judge and sent to the board of elections to change their status to active. The software application has helped the City of Saint Louis eliminate half of the 80,000 inactive voters that were on the list in late 2004.

“I cannot overstate the importance of the Election Assistant for the City of Saint Louis” said Ed Martin, Chairman of the City of Saint Louis Board of Election Commissioners. “The Election Assistant has reduced the number of inactive voters and it also has eliminated voter confusion by assisting voters in finding correct polling places and has therefore reduced the need for voters to cast provisional ballots.” Martin continued: “In the future we will use the software for voter outreach programs to further eliminate inactive voters from the list and to empower our voters in the City. To be candid, the Election Assistant deployed statewide could significantly help the election process in Missouri and eliminate the need for the current lawsuit.”

The Election Assistant was first used City wide in the November 2004 Presidential Elections. Because of the overwhelming success in the City 25 other Counties across Missouri, Texas and Illinois have signed up for the service.

“We look forward to any opportunity to work with our home state of Missouri” said Martin White, President of Election Administrators.

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