

**Department of State
Voting System Equipped for Accessibility
SOS RFP 2005-003**

Responses to Vendor Questions

July 1, 2005

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	Vendors' Response Format
Question 1	Reference: page 18 "If the Vendor provides an Appendix in its Proposal, it must be placed immediately after the response to the topic." Question: What if the Appendix is too large to be included in the binder (i.e., product literature, annual financial reports), can it be included in the package as an enclosure instead?
Answer 1	If an Appendix is greater than 15 pages, or otherwise too large to be placed immediately after the narrative response to the topic, a Vendor may include a tab immediately after the response to the topic that identifies the Appendix and its location in the response package.
Question 2	Reference: page 56, Page Limits Question: Do the Appendices count against the page limits or are they exempt from being counted?
Answer 2	The Appendices in Vendors' responses are not counted as part of the response for page limitation purposes.
	Ballot Format
Question 3	Which ballot is the column-style ballot?
Answer 3	The example for the column-style ballot is the Concord general election ballot that appears on the RFP website. See Column-style Ballot, Concord at http://www.sos.nh.gov/HAVA/ballot_styles.htm
Question 4	Which NH statute requires a column-style ballot?
Answer 4	RSA 656:5, Listing Candidates on the Ballot, describes the requirement. See http://www.gencourt.state.nh.us/rsa/html/LXIII/656/656-5.htm
Question 5	Is it a requirement that the ballot appear horizontally on the DRE screen? Are you only looking for a full face ballot solution?

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Answer 5	No. No. The State favors a solution that will most effectively communicate the ballot choices to voters and will consider any alternative proposed. The State would expect that a proposed solution which does not use a full face ballot will provide consistent placement of the candidates based on party affiliation. For example, given the results of the last general election, RSA 656:5 would require that, in the next general election the Republican candidate would appear first, the Democratic candidate would appear second, and the third party candidate, if any, would appear last. The location of a name on the screen, like the location of a name on a ballot, should help the voter identify that candidate's party affiliation.