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*****ONONDAGA COUNTY BOARD OF ELECTIONS CHOOSES VENDOR FOR ELECTRONIC POLL BOOKS*****

The Onondaga County Board of Elections Commissioners have chosen KNOWiNK in partnership with Dominion Voting Systems as their vendor for the planned full conversion to electronic poll books in the 2019 General Election. These poll books will be in use at all six of our early voting sites and 179 Election Day polling sites in Onondaga County. In addition, they will be partnering with Dominion Voting System's Poll Print to bring on-demand ballot printing to the early voting sites so all sites will be accessible to every voter in Onondaga County.

KNOWiNK and Dominion Voting Systems have been certified through New York State Board of Elections and will be part of the OGS contract for local boards to purchase off of later this summer. KNOWiNK's Managing Director, Scott Leiendecker is a former Election Director for the City of St. Louis and the creator of the Poll Pad electronic poll book. Poll Pad has been selected by election authorities for use in 25 states, Washington, D.C. and Canada. Dominion Voting Systems has been providing voting systems to Onondaga County since 2007.

The conversion to electronic poll books will be paid for using a combination of the 2019 Localities and Capital Grants passed in this year's New York State Budget as well as the ShoeBox Grant that Onondaga County Board of Elections has been saving for this purpose. Onondaga County Board of Elections was one of the first counties in the state to pilot electronic poll books in 2014 and has been planning for their use when the state passed early voting and electronic poll book legislation this year. While the conversion and operation of electronic poll books will be paid for by state funds, the use of this new technology will save Onondaga County thousands of dollars and hundreds of worker hours each election as well as greatly enhance the Election Day experience for voters.

A public demonstration of this new technology will take place at the Onondaga County Board of Elections, 1000 Erie Blvd West, Syracuse, NY 13204 on Wednesday, July 24, 2019 at noon. Press and elected officials are invited to see a demonstration of the Poll Pad and Poll Print equipment. This equipment will be on display in our office throughout the rest of summer and into the fall for voters to get accustomed to. The Onondaga County Board of Elections is also planning on bringing this equipment to the New York State Fair to promote our early voting system and help register voters. The Onondaga County Board of Elections has also released a FAQ along with early voting sites and hours on their website at onvote.net.

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"We are thrilled to be partnering with Onondaga County Board of Elections. With our solid track record of technology, security, and service, we are confident that the KNOWiNK/Dominion products are going to ensure early voting is a success in Onondaga County. We are excited about this partnership and look forward to working with you."

– Trisha Bandistra, KNOWiNK

"We are extremely excited to be selected as Onondaga County's partner for electronic poll books and on demand ballot printing and to be part of your groundbreaking efforts to bring Early Voting to the great state of New York! As we move forward bringing the most advanced technologies to your county, let me reassure you on behalf of Dominion Voting, you will receive all the support necessary to ensure your implementation of early voting is a huge success!"

– Gio Constantiello, Dominion Voting Systems

"I am looking forward to working with KNOWiNK for the first time and again with Dominion Voting with moving forward to Electronic Poll Pads and On Demand ballot printing. I would like to welcome them both to Onondaga County."

– Michele Sardo, Onondaga County Elections Commissioner (R)

"By using state grants we can revolutionize the voter experience for Onondaga County voters as well as save tens of thousands of dollars annually in costs and worker hours. This will be a huge leap forward for Onondaga County"

– Dustin M. Czarny, Onondaga County Elections Commissioner (D)

For more information contact either Dustin Czarny or Michele Sardo at 315-435-VOTE or visit our early voting page on our website at onvote.net. More information about KNOWiNK can be found at knowink.com and more information about Dominion Voting Systems can be found at dominionvoting.com.

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