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General Comment

I commented on the first proposed draft of this instrument, and am pleased to see additions and improvements. However, it seems to me there is one missing element in the data collection instrument that I would suggest including.

Regarding the information collected about local elections offices, as I wrote previously, this is an important piece of information for many stakeholders who use the EAVS: the US Postal Service, other governmental agencies who work to improve elections, non-profits, academics, and non-partisan organizations, all who direct information through local elections offices, or who need to contact local offices to obtain elections related materials.

However, the proposed instrument should collect the FULL contact information. including the NAME of the chief local elections official.

Without this information, some key stakeholders, notably the US Postal Service, may be unable to direct important information about election conduct, administration, and security. Any package of materials that has to be addressed to a name, and not a generic "office" address, will not be deliverable.

The names will also be valuable to any organization that needs a specific point of contact for local elections related information.

I hope you consider adding this information to the current instrument. This is public information anyway, and should require virtually no effort to add.