State Resources for Post-Election Audits

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Audit Resources

- **EAC Resources**
  - Best Practices: Chain of Custody
  - Post-Election Audits and Recounts overview and webpage
  - Risk Limiting Audits whitepaper

- **Upcoming EAC Resources**
  - Conducting Election Audits
  - Canvassing and Certifying an Election
  - Conducting a Recount
Chain of Custody Best Practices

- Outlines considerations when developing or revising chain of custody procedures for:
  - physical election materials: in-person, mail ballots, VVPAT
  - voting systems and use of third-party auditors for conducting audits, and
  - electronic discovery.
- Includes COC checklists, forms, WKS, examples, recommendations
Call to Action

• State election offices are critical in this process:
  – primary drivers for uniformity, oversight, training and resources for local jurisdictions
  – reach broad public audience to explain COC procedures, audit/reconciliation process and confidence in results

• The EAC needs your feedback to develop programs and products to fit your needs
Feedback and Questions