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## **Prince William County Recognized for Excellence in Election Administration with National Clearinghouse Award**

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The Prince William County Office of Elections has won a national award from the 2024 Election Assistance Commission's (EAC) Annual Clearinghouse Awards.

The "Publishing Results Tapes Online" program was one of over 250 entries submitted by elections offices across the country and one of 53 programs recognized with a 2024 "Clearie" Award. This marks the first EAC Award received by Prince William County's Office of Elections, and the first time that a Virginia locality has received such an award.

"To win an award of this magnitude validates the excellent work of our Board, leadership team, and staff," said Eric Olsen, Director of PWC Office of Elections. "We all take tremendous pride in what we do, and this demonstrates our commitment to transparency and providing an excellent voting experience for PWC voters."

The award comes on the heels of the county's 2024 Community Survey which revealed residents have a 94% satisfaction rating of their voting experience. From 2021 to 2024, the voter experience rating improved more than any other activity surveyed by the county.

The Clearies play an essential role in fulfilling the EAC's mission to serve as a clearinghouse for election administration information under the Help America Vote Act. The EAC is an independent, bipartisan federal agency solely focused on election administration. Submissions were judged on innovation, sustainability, outreach, cost-effectiveness, replicability, and the generation of positive results.

Marcus Moyer, Secretary of the PWC Electoral Board, added, "The EAC Clearinghouse Awards are an excellent mechanism through which election offices across the country are challenged to explore innovative ways to promote voter education, increase participation, improve the voter experience, and ensure that our elections are fair, secure, and transparent. The Prince William County Office of Elections is committed to those ideals and continues to lead the way through a number of initiatives that it has implemented. It is an honor to see one of those initiatives highlighted in this way."

In addition to a win in the Election Administration category, the office also won an Honorable Mention in the "I Voted" Stickers category. PWC also submitted work on model programs that are now being replicated by other jurisdictions in Virginia.



This year's EAC submission categories included:

- Security: Innovation and New Tools in Election Security and Technology
- HAVA Grants: Outstanding Use of HAVA Grants in Elections Modernization
- Communications: Distinguished Voter Education and Communications Initiatives
- Contingency Planning: Exemplary Contingency/Emergency Response Efforts
- Poll Workers: Best Practices in Recruiting, Retaining, and Training Poll Workers
- Accessibility: Best Practices for Improving Accessibility for Voters with Disabilities
- Election Administration: Innovations or New Practices in Election Administration
- "I Voted" Stickers: Creative and Original "I Voted" Stickers

EAC Chairman Donald Palmer, Vice Chair Thomas Hicks, and Commissioners Christy McCormick and Ben Hovland praised the 2024 Clearie winners in a joint statement: *"This year's Clearinghouse Award-winning programs truly shined amid the high voter turnout in 2024. They are examples of the outstanding work election officials did to support tens of millions of voters during the presidential election. After nearly a decade, the Clearinghouse Awards continue to grow with a record number of entries received this year. These programs show how state and local election offices are the incubators of innovation. We are pleased to lift their ideas up and celebrate them on a national stage."*

You can view all the PWC Office of Election's 2024 Clearinghouse Awards submissions at [www.pwcvotes.org/press](http://www.pwcvotes.org/press). For more information on the EAC and their Clearinghouse Awards, visit [www.eac.gov](http://www.eac.gov).