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**Department of Defense Selects Levy County for Funding to Automate Ballot Delivery
for Military and Overseas Voters**

*Funding increases Florida's **Our Mission: Your Vote** consortium to 34 counties that will offer soldiers and overseas citizens a secure portal to download their ballot anywhere in the world.*

June 2, 2014 - Bronson, FL – The Department of Defense has awarded Levy County funding to deliver electronic ballots to military and overseas voters more efficiently. The Uniformed and Overseas Citizens Absentee Voting Act (UOCAVA) guarantees ballot access to military and overseas voters 45 days before any Federal Election. Utilizing this funding, Levy County will join 34 Florida Counties that provide a portal where UOCAVA voters can securely download their voter-specific ballot from anywhere in the world.

"As Election Administrators, one of our highest priorities is delivering ballots to the brave men and women serving our Country," said Tammy Jones, Supervisor of Elections. "This funding allows us to streamline the ballot delivery process and offer our voters a convenient way to securely download their ballot from anywhere in the world."

Okaloosa County served as the lead County that coordinated this Grant Application and the original Coalition of 13 counties that received funding in 2011 from the Federal Voter Assistance Program at the Department of Defense. The 21 new members of the Coalition will work with Democracy Live to deploy the Company's ballot delivery technology that allows voters to securely access their ballot and other important election materials. Democracy Live is the largest provider of electronic ballots in the United States and has successfully delivered ballots to over 90 countries on every continent around the globe.

"Democracy Live is excited to be part of the expansion of the Our Mission: Your Vote coalition and offer even more Floridians a secure way to access and return their ballot from anywhere in the world," said Bryan Finney, President of Democracy Live. "Our LiveBallot solution makes ballots more accessible for voters and creates efficiencies for Election Administrators that will save Counties time and money."

The LiveBallot technology will be available to voters from Levy County beginning in the 2014 election cycle, through the Our Mission: Your Vote web portal. To receive access to the portal, UOCAVA voters should contact their local Elections office and request to receive their ballot electronically.

The LiveBallot technology will be expressly used for the expedited delivery of ballot information to Military and Overseas voters. Voters will be responsible for returning their ballot materials to the County where they are registered to vote, in accordance with Florida State law.

For more information about Our Mission: Your Vote please contact Levy County Supervisor of Elections office at 352-486-5163 or visit www.OurMissionYourVote.us

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