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## LOUISIANA SECRETARY OF STATE'S OFFICE RECOGNIZED FOR EXCELLENCE IN ELECTION ADMINISTRATION WITH NATIONAL CLEARINGHOUSE AWARD

**BATON ROUGE, La.** — Louisiana Secretary of State Nancy Landry is proud to announce that the <u>United States Election Assistance Commission</u> recognized her office for excellence in election administration with a national <u>Clearinghouse Award</u> for Best Practices in Recruiting, Retaining, and Training Poll Workers. The office also received an Honorable Mention for its 2024 "I Voted" sticker.

"This award and honorable mention are incredible honors that recognize the countless hours of hard work that go into administering Louisiana's elections," Secretary Landry said. "I am immensely proud of my staff for implementing this recruitment program to help alleviate our state's poll worker shortage. Poll workers are an essential part of the election administration process, and we are always looking for innovative ways to recruit more citizens to serve their communities by working the polls."

EAC Chairman Donald Palmer, Vice Chair Thomas Hicks, and Commissioners Christy McCormick and Ben Hovland praised the 2024 Clearinghouse Award 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."

Also known as the "Clearies," the U.S. Election Assistance Commission (EAC) presents the awards program annually to celebrate the hard work of election offices across the country. Now in its ninth year, this year's Clearie Awards honored programs that took place during the 2024 presidential election year. 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.

Louisiana citizens interested in serving as poll workers are encouraged to contact their local Clerk of Court or visit GeauxVote.com.

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