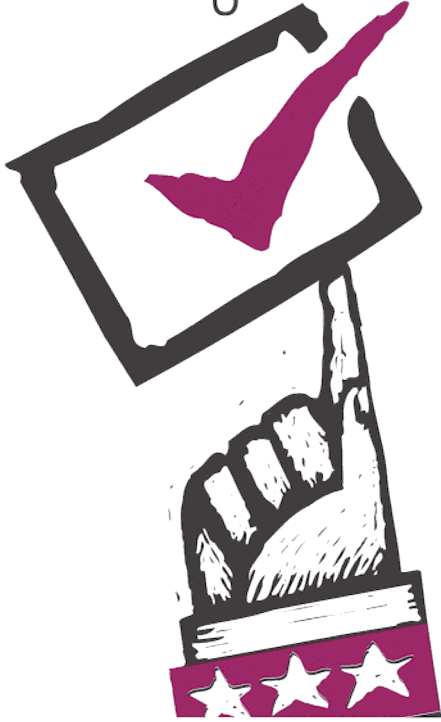


Simplified Voter Registration



Simplified voter registration. A national DNA data base to track down fugitives. And an innovative program to help get displaced workers back on their feet.

These are just some of the key programs of Synetics Systems Operation, a new division of SAIC. In June, SAIC purchased a large portion of Synetics Corp.

Once heavily dependent on federal contracts, Synetics Corp. has demonstrated through its expertise in voter registration and election management that it can work effectively with state government agencies.

For example, our Synetics Systems staff have been at the forefront in revolutionizing the voter registration process in Massachusetts. They improved the accuracy and reliability of voter registration by designing the system to link for the first time all 351 jurisdictions of Massachusetts with one central computerized "motor voter" system.

Synetics Systems has won similar contracts for voter registration systems in Texas and Michigan. These systems will make it possible for states to comply with the National Voter Registration Act of 1993. The federal mandate allows citizens to sign up to vote when they get licenses to drive. It also enables people to register when receiving welfare or other social services.

Now when an individual wants to register to vote, information such as name, date of birth, and address are electronically copied. In some states, the person's signature is recorded on an electronic grid and transmitted to the secretary of state's office. A copy is also sent electronically to the voter's city, town, or county.

"The greatest challenge was getting the local governments to buy into the fact that something will be centralized and standardized by a state government," said John Jacey, manager of the Elections and Voter Registration Program. "We worked very closely with the local officials providing training especially since they are not a typical business-oriented user group."

Synetics Systems capabilities go beyond "motor voter" registration. For instance, they provide full election management software capabilities "down to tracking the candidates and results in the local water and sewer district (race)," said Jacey. They

can track and monitor absentee ballots, petitions, and nominations as well as provide a mechanism for reliable and secure election night reporting.

In Michigan, Synetics Systems adjusted to other obstacles of voter registration.

"There are 1,764 separate jurisdictions in Michigan," said Jacey. "To offset the (telecommunications) cost we gave each jurisdiction an Internet account to allow for a secure Internet file transfer (of voter registration information) using Oracle as the data base and Delphi as the front end."

"We intend to start marketing our voter registration and elections capabilities worldwide," continued Jacey. Synetics Systems is already working with SAIC/Canada on a proposal to build a centralized data base of electors for all of Canada. And "as democracy spreads throughout the Third World we want to be there to protect the integrity of the election process."

Data base technology is the common thread linking most of Synetics Systems projects. In 1994, they signed a \$7-million contract to create a DNA data base for the FBI's 300 crime laboratories across the U.S. This data base featuring known criminals can help assist law enforcement in matching DNA of suspects with physical evidence.

In 1995 Lotus awarded Synetics its Beacon Award for most innovative use of software and recognized Synetics as one of the premier Lotus Notes integrator worldwide.

Synetics Systems has also developed and implemented the "One Stop Initiative" program in Massachusetts, a first of its kind effort which has received national praise for bringing together customers, employers, and job seekers at the same time to a central access point.

According to Marketing Specialist Paul Wright, individuals seeking employment opportunities can use statewide career centers and "search" job criteria across Massachusetts via the Lotus Notes application and Internet Web technology.

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