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PRESS RELEASE

**Secretary of State Jim Condos Begins Implementation of
New Elections System, February 2014**

Montpelier, VT – Secretary of State Jim Condos is pleased to announce that, in February of 2014, the Secretary of State’s Office will begin implementation of a new elections system that is made up of a suite of integrated software applications. These new applications will provide Vermonters with easier access to information, improve transparency, and strengthen the overall reliability of elections functions.

“I am extremely pleased to make this announcement today – this is a huge step forward for Vermont. Among the many benefits of the new elections system, the chief benefits are that it will enhance the security, accuracy, and integrity of our elections,” remarked Secretary Condos.

The new elections system will support: Vermont’s voter registration checklist, absentee ballot tracking, election management, campaign finance reporting, and lobbyist disclosure.

“The campaign finance reporting application will be the first to be rolled out.” stated Condos. “While I cannot stress enough the importance of the entire system, I believe upgrading our campaign finance system as soon as possible to a new, fully searchable database will be a major boost to transparency for the state. When it comes to elections, the citizens of Vermont deserve to know how much money is involved, where the money is coming from, and how it is being spent.”