High Level Evidence Why The Nevada Election System Cannot Be Considered Secure Or Hacker Proof As Claimed



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- WHEREAS: <u>Hardware and Firmware</u> for NV Voting Machines, Memory Transfer Devices and Personal Computer Vote Consolidation components apparently have <u>not been designed</u>, <u>managed nor operated to be "secure"</u> as specified in the *National Institute of Standards & Technology (NIST) Computer Security Resource Center (CSRC)* (http://csrc.nist.gov/) and its National Standard Publications: (http://csrc.nist.gov/publications/)
- WHEREAS: <u>Software</u> for NV Voting system, Memory Transfer and Personal Computer Vote
 Consolidation components using the MS Windows XP Operating System and other software
 apparently <u>have not been acquired</u>, <u>configured nor operated as "secure"</u> as specified by
 NIST CSRC in: http://csrc.nist.gov/itsec/guidance_WinXP.html#NIST_WinXP
- WHEREAS: <u>Networking components</u> including modems, software and gateways between NV Counties and Secretary of State IT Systems apparently <u>have not been configured nor managed</u> as "secure".
- WHEREAS: <u>Secretary of State IT Systems</u> used for registration, processing and reporting
 on NV elections <u>have not been configured nor operated as "secure"</u> per NIST standards.
- WHEREAS: Nevada Elections Policies and Procedures fail to claim that the Election System is intended to be managed or operated as "secure" at any operating level as defined by NIST, IEEE, ISO, ISA, IASME or any other agency, company or organization with the expertise and accepted authority to define "secure computer systems and operations". Moreover, NV SoS has not demonstrated it is qualified to create its own, unique, IT security standards.

THEREFORE, IT MUST BE CONCLUDED: Contrary to its claims, Nevada election systems can not be accepted as "secure" and/or "hacker-proof/-resistant". And, considering the available facts, it is reasonable to request, as provided by NV Statutes, that certain contested precincts of sealed voting records, reports, machinery, and related documents in NV Counties be ordered by a judge to be unsealed and jointly compared to electronic summaries to determine if the reported, certified results can be validated or rejected. Government refusal to allow such audits confirm it knows it has something to hide.