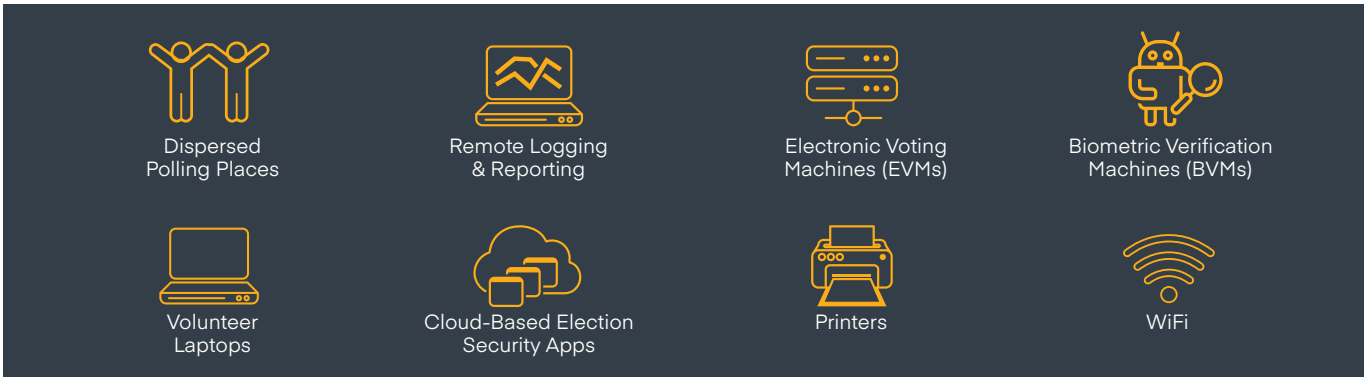# Elections IT Readiness Checklist

12 Actions to Safeguard Your Election Network

Election day is fast approaching. Now is the time to solidify an IT strategy that will address current and future networking needs and secure ALL of your election day technologies:

Dispersed Polling Places

Remote Logging & Reporting

Electronic Voting Machines (EVMs)

Biometric Verification Machines (BVMs)

Volunteer Laptops

Cloud-Based Election Security Apps

Printers

WiFi

Needs Assessment Checklist: Do you have a complete solution in place to ensure constant network uptime and protect critical voter information?

Data Security
Protect against data and network breaches

	Need to address	Have in place
Isolate voter information and results from other traffic		
Only allow election-specific applications		
Whitelist websites that volunteers can visit		
Run IDS/IPS technologies to minimize attack points		

Site-to-Site Transmission Protection
Provide safe network communication

	Need to address	Have in place
Where possible air-gap, or physically segment, to destination		
Implement network failover for maximum uptime		
Encrypt all data transmissions		

Network Management
Empower lean IT staff to spin up, spin down, and manage networks

	Need to address	Have in place
Use a centralized cloud network management tool		
Deploy zero-touch on-site routers		
Use configuration groups where possible		
Employ remote troubleshooting and test before election day		
Whitelist devices at election site		