

Voting Machines & Companies

I. Premier Election Systems (PES)

Wholly-owned subsidiary of Diebold Inc. as of 11/2004

A. Predecessor Companies

1. Diebold Election Systems¹

Rebranded Global Election Systems Inc. in 2007 as wholly-owned subsidiary *Premier Election Systems*.

2. Global Election Systems Inc. (GES)

Acquired by Diebold Election Systems in January 2002.

3. I-Mark Systems

Acquired by Global Election Systems Inc in 1977.

B. Key Stakeholders

1. Founders

- Robert Urosevich²
- Howard Van Pelt, President & CEO
- Larry Ensminger, Vice President, Secretary, and
- Michael Rasmussen, Chief Financial Officer

2. Executive Team

- Brian W Courtney, CEO and Director
- Robert J Urosevich – President, COO and Director
- S Michael Rasmussen CFO, Principal Accounting Officer
- Jeffrey Dean, Senior Vice President
- Brian J O'Conner, Senior Vice President, Board Member

3. Board of Directors

- P Nicholas M Glas
- Brian W Courtney
- Robert J Urosevich
- Clinton H Rickards

¹ See [Diebold Indicted: Its spectre \[sic\] still haunts Ohio elections](#)

² In 1979, Robert Urosevich received an infusion of capital from a family friend with Omaha roots, California millionaire William Ahmanson. The company was rebranded "American Information Systems."

- David H Brown

II. Election Systems & Software (ES&S)³

Electronic voting machine manufacturer

III. Sequoia Voting Systems⁴⁵

A. Predecessor Companies

1. Sequoia Pacific

2. Business Records Corporation (BRC)

Acquired product line & software in 1997; ES&S was prohibited by antitrust regulations from acquiring BRC in its entirety, resulting in BRC acquisition being split between ES&S and Sequoia Pacific.)

B. Key Stakeholders (Current and Former)

- Peter Cosgrove
- Tracey Graham, President & CEO
- Philip Foster, Vice President of Sales Administration and Strategies⁶

IV. Advanced Voting Solutions

Went out of business in 2015, due to major problems with WINVote Direct Recording Electronic voting system. Easiest to hack, [worst voting machine](#).⁷

³ See www.motherjones.com/politics/2005/12/nation-under-god— “[T]wo heavy contributors to the Chalcedon Foundation-Reconstruction’s main think tank are Ahmanson and Nelson Bunker Hunt, both of whose families played key roles in financing electronic voting machine manufacturer Election Systems and Software.”

⁴ Sequoia manufactures touch-screen voting machines.

⁵ See document, [Sequoia in the News — A Partial List of Documented Failures](#) (PDF-27 Pages)

⁶ See National Election Defense Coalition [website](#) article, [Voting Machine Companies Employ Criminals](#)— A grand jury indicted Philip Foster in 2001 for malfeasance and conspiring to launder money. Foster had also previously facilitated a kickback scheme that funneled payments to a Louisiana elections official, who purchased Sequoia equipment while winking at millions in overcharges. The scheme also involved Foster’s brother-in-law, David Philpot, a fellow Sequoia employee. Foster, who gained immunity for testifying against the elections official, avoided jail time, yet was promoted to Sequoia VP of Sales Administration and strategies.”

⁷ Jeffrey Epstein [4/15/2015]— “As one of my colleagues taught me, BLUF—Bottom Line Up Front. If an election was held using the AVS WinVote, and it wasn’t hacked, it was only because no one tried. The vulnerabilities were so severe, and so trivial to exploit, that anyone with even a modicum of training could have succeeded. They didn’t need to be in the polling place—within a few hundred feet (e.g., in the parking lot) is easy, and within a half mile with a rudimentary antenna built using a Pringles can. Further, there are no logs or other records that would indicate if such a thing ever happened, so if an election was hacked any time in the past, we will never know.

A. Predecessor Companies

1. Shoup Voting Systems

B. Key Stakeholders

1. Executive Team

- Ransom Shoup, President & CEO
- Howard Van Pelt, Vice President
- Larry Ensminger, CFO

V. VoteHere

A. Key Stakeholders

1. Founder

- Jim Adler

2. Board of Directors

- Robert Gates, former CIA Director, Dean, Bush School of Gov't;
- Admiral Bill Owens, Defense Policy Board, SAIC;
- Ralph Munro, former Secretary of State for WA

VI. Election.com

A. Predecessor Companies

1. Votation.com

Controlling ownership by Osan Ltd, holding company owned by a group of Saudi investors based in the Cayman Islands.
Votation was sold to Accenture

2. Accenture

Voter registration and voter history program; uses software originally developed by *Election.com*.

I've been in the security field for 30 years, and it takes a lot to surprise me. But the VITA report really shocked me—as bad as I thought the problems were likely to be, VITA's five-page report showed that they were far worse. And the WinVote system was so fragile that it hardly took any effort. While the report does not state how much effort went into the investigation, my estimation based on the description is that it was less than a person week."

VII. Hart Intercivic

A. Key Stakeholders

1. Founder

- David E. Hart, Founder and Advisor

2. Executive Team

- Phillip Braithwaite, President, CEO and Director
- Julie Mathis, CFO & COO

3. Board of Directors

- Gregg Burt
- Phillip Braithwaite
- Derek Hutson
- Neil A. Tuch
- Jeff Bohl