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Voting Technology Project Co-Director  
Michael Alvarez

Dear Mr. Alvarez,

The National Office of Electoral Affairs and the Office of Electoral Affairs of the Government of the City of Buenos Aires cordially invite you to participate as an International Observer of the E-Voting Pilot that will be implemented in the forthcoming legislative elections on October 23rd, 2005.

Since 2004, the Office of Electoral Affairs of the City of Buenos Aires is working on the development of its own e-voting system. With this goal, it has designed an E- Voting Pilot that aims to develop several tools that will contribute to devise a technological option that best suits the social, demographic and institutional characteristics of the City of Buenos Aires.

This Pilot was designed according to the "Strategic Plan for the Incorporation of New Technologies in the Electoral Process (INTPE)" initiated in 2004, by which the Government of the City of Buenos Aires aims to modernize the electoral administration by incorporating new Information and Communication Technologies to the electoral process.

Given the institutional salience of this Plan -not only at the local level but also at the national one-, it is our intention to guarantee the presence and observance of organizations that have an expertise in the subject. Hence, we would be very pleased to have you and the organization you represent participating in the experience on the Election Day, October 23rd 2005.

Attached to this letter you will find a document with detailed information about the goals and scope of the Project.

Also, as our E-voting software is based on open standards, a Plan for the Publication of the Electronic Voting Software and Working Papers of the Project has been developed. The documentation will be published in three phases. The first and phases have already been completed and are now available on our website: [www.buenosaires.gov.ar/dgelec/](http://www.buenosaires.gov.ar/dgelec/).

Your comments and suggestions are very welcomed.

We look forward to meeting you. Please do not hesitate to contact us if you have any further questions. If you need information about the visitor's diary or if you would like to arrange your visit, please contact Julia Pomares, Coordinator of the Project, via email to [pruebave2005@fibertel.com.ar](mailto:pruebave2005@fibertel.com.ar) or by phone at (54 11) 4342 4800

Best regards,

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