



16th Annual State Certification Testing of Election Systems National Conference (SCTESNC)

Sacramento, California | June 15 – 17, 2026

CALL TO CONFERENCE

Important Dates

Event	Date	Time
Deadline for Abstract Submission	April 17, 2026	EOD
Notification of Abstract Approvals	April 24, 2026	EOD
Notification of Final Conference Agenda	May 8, 2026 (est.)	EOD
Deadline for Registration	May 22, 2026	EOD
Pre-Event Meet & Greet	June 15, 2026	TBD
SCTESNC 2026 Conference	June 16 – 17, 2026	9 a.m. - 4 p.m. PDT (est.)

Overview

Since 2011, professionals and academics have come together annually to exchange ideas and innovations aimed at ensuring the reliability, transparency, and integrity of election system testing. We are excited to invite you to the 16th Annual [State Certification Testing of Election Systems National Conference \(SCTESNC\)](#), hosted by the California Secretary of State's Office and the Voting System Technical Oversight Program (VSTOP). This year's conference, featuring the theme of "**Election Gold in the Golden State**," will be held on June 16 – 17, 2026, at the March Fong Eu Secretary of State Building in Sacramento, California.

The primary goals of the conference are to provide a venue for state and federal election administrators to:

- Share best practices for election system testing and management
- Explore efficient and effective methods for testing and implementing election systems
- Identify common challenges and potential solutions to those challenges

- Expand the shared conversation and collaboration between fellow state and federal election administrators

Registration Information

Given the limited capacity for this conference, early registration is encouraged. While there is no registration fee, attendees are required to register for the conference. Attendance is open for all individuals engaged in the testing and certification of voting and election systems for government jurisdictions. All registrants will be reviewed and approved by the SCTESNC Steering Committee to ensure alignment with conference goals.

Please ensure that you complete [SCTESNC 2026 Registration](#) by no later than **Friday, May 22, 2026**.

****In support of SCTESNC's purpose and goals, conference attendance is not available to election system vendors or media outlets.****

Pre-Event Meet & Greet

All attendees are invited to attend the SCTESNC 2026 welcome reception. The location is still to be determined, but registrants can expect the event to be held on the evening of **June 15, 2026**. The RSVP for this event is included in the SCTESNC 2026 Registration Form. RSVPs are required to ensure proper preparation of accommodations.

Presentation Proposal Information

This year's conference organizers invite those attending to submit abstracts for proposed presentations on any topic pertaining to the **functionality, security, and/or accessibility testing and certification of election systems** via the [SCTESNC 2026 Proposal Form](#) by no later than **Friday, April 17, 2026**.

Proposals must include an abstract (200-300 words) that includes the title of the presentation and a brief overview of the topic and presenters. Submitting a proposal does not guarantee a presentation slot at the conference. All proposals will be reviewed by the SCTESNC Steering Committee for alignment to the Conference topics and availability of presentation slots. Additionally, the Steering Committee may request consultation with approved presenters and set a deadline for materials (to be used during the conference for presentation) to be submitted up to one month prior the event.

Ideas for presentation topics:

- Pre-election testing
- Acceptance testing
- Post-election testing
- Common data format

- Interoperability
- Penetration testing
- Threat assessments & ways to mitigate risk
- Hash validation
- Accessibility testing of election systems (i.e. ADA, ICT Section 508, and/or WCAG)
- Research findings on related topics
- Training personnel on election system testing
- Enhancing communications and transparency in election system testing

Travel Information

Conference Location

March Fong Eu Secretary of State Building

1500 11th Street
 Sacramento, California 95814
 1st Floor Auditorium

Nearest Airport

Sacramento International Airport (SMF)

6900 Airport Blvd., Sacramento, CA 95837

Lodging Recommendations

This year, **there will be no room block provided for the conference.** Instead, the SCTESNC Steering Committee is offering flexible lodging options to attendees. We encourage you to review lodging options near the conference location and select the location that works best for you and your organization's travel policies.

A few recommendations have been provided below. Please note that the estimated costs may vary depending on the date you book your hotel and the booking agency you use.

Hotel & Address	Est. Cost	Distance from Conference Site
Hyatt Regency Sacramento 209 L Street, Sacramento, CA 95814	\$637/night	0.31 Miles
The Citizen Hotel 926 J Street, Sacramento, CA 95814	\$199/night	0.42 Miles
The Kimpton Sawyer 500 J Street, Sacramento, CA 95814	\$562/night	0.55 Miles
The Westin Sacramento Riverfront Hotel 4800 Riverside Blvd., Sacramento, CA 95822	\$480/night	2.78 Miles
Inn off Capital Park 1530 N Street, Sacramento, CA 95814	\$227/night	0.4 Miles

Important Resources

- Register for this year's conference: [SCTESNC 2026 Registration](#)
- Submit a proposal for this year's conference: [SCTESNC 2026 Proposal Form](#)
- View past conference proceedings: [SCTESNC Website](#)
- Stay connected on LinkedIn: [SCTESNC LinkedIn Group](#)

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