October 15, 2004 Colorado Extends Deadline for Receipt of Absentee Ballots from UOCAVA Voters FVAP Voting News #15

There has been a delay in the mailing of absentee ballots to Uniformed and Overseas Citizens Absentee Voting Act (UOCAVA) citizens from Colorado for the November 2, 2004 general election. Because of the delay, the Secretary of State of Colorado has extended the deadline for the receipt of absentee ballots from UOCAVA voters by ten days up to and including November 12, 2004.

Ballots must be cast by 7:00 p.m. mountain standard time on Tuesday, November 2, 2004 and received by 5:00 p.m. on November 12, 2004. Overseas voters who have not yet received their state absentee ballot can use the Federal Write-In Absentee Ballot (Standard Form 186) (FWAB) to vote for candidates for Federal office. FWABs are available from their Voting Assistance Officer (VAO) in their unit or at their embassy or consulate. Colorado also allows return of the voted ballot by fax. Information on faxing is available in Appendix C of the Voting Assistance Guide at http://www.fvap.gov/services/faxing.html.

VAOs should contact those citizens they assist who are Colorado voters and inform them of this news release and provide help to them in returning their absentee ballot. Overseas UOCAVA citizens should fill out and return their ballots immediately upon receipt.

Further information on your precinct, candidates, elections, and voting is available at the Colorado Secretary of State website, http://www.sos.state.co.us/pubs/elections/main.htm.

The FVAP can be contacted through the DoD Voting Information Center (VIC). Citizens may reach the VIC toll-free from 64 countries using the toll-free numbers listed on the FVAP website, www.fvap.gov. The VIC provides recorded messages from candidates, as well as other information concerning elections, 24 hours a day.

Questions regarding the above may also be referred to the Director, Federal Voting Assistance Program, Department of Defense, 1155 Defense Pentagon. Additionally, the FVAP can be reached via e-mail at vote@fvap.ncr.gov.