

Who's Who of Virtual Voting Machine Companies

by Art Ticknor

Diebold Election Systems (Vancouver)

Corporate Profile:

Diebold Election Systems acquired Global Election Systems of Vancouver in 2002. First Manhattan Co. (the investment banking firm) owned 5.60% of outstanding common shares as of end of 2002.

Parent company **Diebold, Inc.** of Canton, Ohio is manufacturer and distributor of automated financial transaction systems (such as ATMs) and software for banks and financial institutions, and others, worldwide. Also provides physical and electronic security systems (2001—awarded contract to “secure” the U.S. Constitution, Bill of Rights, and Declaration of Independence).

Diebold Procomp subsidiary in 2000 manufactured and installed more than 360,000 DREs throughout Brazil.

Key Personnel:

CEO Walden O’Dell is a frequent visitor to the Bush ranch in Crawford, Texas, and hosted a \$600,000 fundraiser for Dick Cheney last June. In August 2003 he attended a strategy meeting with fellow Bush “Rangers and Pioneers” at the Bush ranch—those who have raised at least \$100,000 each for the 2004 Presidential campaign. He also hosted a Republican Party fundraiser at his Columbus, Ohio mansion, and said he was “committed to helping Ohio deliver its electoral votes to the President next year,” in his Aug. 14 invitation.

W.R. “Tim” Timken, Jr., member of Board, is co-chair of Ohio’s state Bush-Cheney re-election campaign, and hosted a \$750,000 fundraiser headlined by Cheney in November 2003. Timken, also a Bush Pioneer, and one of Bush’s favorite Ohio fundraisers, in late April used his Canton, Ohio steel company as a site for Bush to tout his tax cuts. “We all have to dig deep to support President Bush,” Timken declared at a \$1.4 million fundraiser in October. In addition, Timken was named by Bush as chairman of the Securities Investor Protection Corporation in early April. Timken has long been involved in Republican Party politics. Timken hosted Bush at a private luncheon during the 2000 Presidential campaign, attended by fewer than 100 people, and helped pay for Bush’s inauguration as President in January 2001.

Directors:

Louis V. Bockius III—chairman, Bocko Inc. (plastic injection molding);

Christopher M. Connor—chairman and CEO, Sherwin-Williams;

Richard L. Crandall—chairman, Giga Information Group (technology advisory firm);

Gale S. Fitzgerald—former president and CEO, GP Group, Inc. (procurement and supply solutions);

Donald R. Gant—senior director, Goldman Sachs Group;

L. Lindsey Halstead—former chairman, Ford-Europe;

Phillip B. Lassiter—chairman and CEO, Ambac Financial Group (financial guarantee insurance holding company). Its major owners are JP Morgan Chase, Wellington Management, Goldman Sachs, and Citigroup. Ambac says it started the bond insurance business;

John N. Lauer—chairman, Oglebay Norton Co. (industrial minerals);

William F. Massy—president, Jackson Hole Higher Education Group; professor emeritus, Stanford University;

Walden W. O'Dell—chairman, president, and CEO, Diebold;

Eric J. Roorda—former chairman, Diebold Procomp;

W. R. Timken, Jr.—chairman, Timken Company (bearings and alloy steel);

Bob Urosevich—president, Diebold Election Systems.

Election Systems and Software (Omaha, Nebraska)

Company profile:

World's largest provider of election systems. Launched first-ever electronic voting in Spain, in June.

Formerly named **American Information Systems**, bought elections systems firm **Business Records Company** in 1997.

Privately held company; reportedly owned by Omaha *World-Herald* and McCarthy Group (asset management firm), both linked to Peter Kiewit Foundation. (**Peter Kiewit Sons', Inc. (PKS)** chairman emeritus Walter Scott, Jr. is a long-time Warren Buffett associate, on the board of Berkshire Hathaway, who spun off Level 3 telecom company from PKS.) Kiewit, which builds military facilities, is noted for being involved in bid-rigging cases in 11 states.

Board of Directors:

William F. Welsh II—chairman;

Aldo Tesi—president and CEO;

John S. Groh—senior vice president;

Todd Urosevich—vice president, brother of Bob Urosevich of Diebold.

Peter Kiewit Foundation:

John W. Hancock—chairman;

Michael L. Gallagher—vice-chairman;

U.S. Bank National Association—corporate trustee.

Sequoia Voting Systems (Oakland, California)

Company Profile:

Parent company **De La Rue Cash Systems Ltd.** bought 85% stake on May 29, 2002; remaining 15% stake was held by former owner **Jefferson Smurfit Group** (Ireland manufacturer); was bought by **Madison Dearborn Partners**

(linked to **Carlyle Group**).

De La Rue, according to Sequoia, prints currencies for 125 countries, passports, and identity cards, and works "in collaboration with the world's premier law enforcement agencies, including Interpol, Scotland Yard and the FBI."

De La Rue Board of Directors:

Sir Brandon Gough—non-executive chairman; chairman, Montanaro Smaller Companies Investment Trust; former chairman, Coopers & Lybrand;

Ian Much—chief executive officer;

Stephen King—group finance director;

Louise Fluker—general counsel and company secretary;

Keith Hodgkinson—non-executive director;

Nicholas Brookes—non-executive director;

Michael Jeffries—non-executive director;

Philip Nolan—non-executive director.

Sequoia Board of Directors:

Not listed by the company.

Hart Intercivic (Austin, Texas)

Company Profile:

Voting-system vendor; sells "eSlate," a dial-a-vote variation of a touch-screen system.

Its chairman is David Hart.

As the company's commercial printing fortunes fell, Hart lined up venture capital and became a voting-system vendor. Initial funding from Triton Ventures, subsidiary of Triton Energy, in turn a unit of **Amerada Hess**.

RES Partners, a major investor in Hart, represents Richard Salwen, a heavy contributor to G.W. Bush and Republican Party.

Another investor, **Stratford Capital**, is an arm of Hicks, Muse, Tate & Furst, founded Tom Hicks. Hicks bought Texas Rangers in 1999 from G.W. Bush, and is also a major owner of the media giant Clear Channel Communications.

Accenture (Philadelphia)

Company Profile:

Accenture was the prime contractor for the Pentagon's SERVE (Secure Electronic Registration and Voting Experiment) Internet voting system, which was scrapped in early February 2004 after an outside study found that SERVE, or any Internet-based voting system, is inherently insecure.

Accenture is simply the old **Arthur Andersen Consulting**, which was compelled to change its name to avoid association with the Enron accounting disaster.

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