AGENDA

Focus Group: Personal Access Technology and its Potential for Enabling the Deaf-Blind to Vote Privately and Independently

Tuesday, November 12, 2013, 3:00 p.m. EST

The purpose of this focus group is to learn from deaf-blind individuals about the types of barriers they currently face in casting a private and independent ballot, and about the types of personal access technology used by the deaf-blind that could remove these barriers. This information will be provided to voting technology researchers and developers during a seminar hosted by the NFB in December 2013.

3:00 p.m. Welcome

Lou Ann Blake, HAVA project manager, National Federation of the Blind

Anne Taylor, director of access technology, National Federation of the Blind

3:05 p.m. Open discussion

1. What are the barriers you currently face that prevent you or make it difficult for you to cast a private and independent ballot?
2. What would be the ideal voting environment for you?
3. What types of personal access technology currently available could help bring the ideal voting environment about?
4. Are there any trends in the design and use of personal access technology that may make future elections more accessible to deaf-blind voters?

4:00 p.m. Adjourn