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NATIONALLY RECOGNIZED AUTHORITIES
TO CONDUCT 10-STATE ELECTION SEMINARS IN
TULSA, OK - NOVEMBER 13-15

WASHINGTON -- A two-day Southwest Regional Conference on Election Administration and Federal Campaign Financing is to be held in Tulsa, on November 14-15. Approximately 350 election administrators and campaign finance officials from 10 states, Puerto Rico, and the Virgin Islands will attend workshops and seminars at the Tulsa Excelsior Hotel, beginning with an opening reception on Sunday, November 13.

Among the participants in the two-day conference will be Federal Election Commission Chairman Danny L. McDonald of Tulsa, Lee Ann Elliott of Chicago, Illinois, Commissioner Joan D. Aikens of Pennsylvania, Commissioner John W. McGarry of Massachusetts, and Commissioner Frank P. Reiche of New Jersey.

FEC officials noted the importance of the Regional Conferences on Election Administration and Federal Campaign Financing, citing the increasing role of Federal election-related cases, new state election laws and requirements, pressures from community groups for more and better election services, increased participation by political party and political action committees and more candidates seeking Federal office.

These and other topics will be included in the 36 workshops and roundtable discussions to be conducted by nationally recognized election authorities from throughout the nation and by Commissioners and specialists of the FEC.

A series of 19 sessions will cover corporate and labor activities, federal candidates and their committees, political action committees, presidential elections, FEC enforcement, and the use of campaign finance reports.

Another series of 17 sessions will be devoted to election law administration, with emphasis on legislative and administrative functions required to run a well-organized, fair, and open election.

An introductory session will include FEC Commissioners and staff members who will explain federal campaign finance laws and the Commission's general mission.

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States included in the Southwest Regional Conference in Tulsa include: Arizona, Colorado, Kansas, Nebraska, New Mexico, Oklahoma, South Dakota, Texas, Utah and Wyoming. Also attending will be representatives from Puerto Rico and the Virgin Islands.

National, state, county and local authorities conducting sessions include: Jeff Blaine, Assistant City Clerk, Detroit, Michigan; James Brown, Southwest Area Manager, News Election Service; Dave Cardwell, Former State Election Director, Florida; Betty M. Chronic, Director, State Licensing and Elections, Office of Secretary of State, Colorado; Sandra Coleman, Deputy Director, Section 5 Unit, Voting Section, Civil Rights Division, Dept. of Justice; Virgeline Davis, Geography Div., U.S. Bureau of the Census; Ray Farabee, Chairman, Senate Committee on State Affairs, Texas; Marie Garber, Former Supervisor of Elections, Montgomery County, Maryland; Penny Harvison, Directors Office, U.S. Bureau of the Census; Helen Hudgens, Registrar-Recorder, Coconino County, Arizona; Doug Jernigan, Supervisor of Elections, Montgomery County, Maryland; Stanley T. Kuser, County Clerk, Cook County, Illinois; Angus MacInnes, Customer Services Dept., U.S. Postal Service; Nina McCall, Manager, Political Unit, ABC News; Peggy Miller, County Clerk, Kanawa County, West Virginia; Robert Naegele, President, Tri-Tek Industries; Nancy Newcomb, Director, Federal Voting Assistance Program, Pentagon; Ray Ortiz, Registrar-Recorder, San Diego County, California; Ray Phelps, Jr., Director Elections and Public Records, Office of Secretary of State, Oregon; Lee C. Shapiro, Manager, Election Operations, CBS News; Pat Slattery, Federal Voting Assistance Program, Dept. of Defense; Richard Smolka, Editor-Publisher, Election Administration Reports; Marshal Turner, Assistant Chief, Data User Services Division, U.S. Bureau of the Census; Robert Tyre, Arthur Young & Co.; Henry Valentino, Director, Federal Voting Assistance Program, Dept. of Defense; Dorothy Walker, Administrative Assistant to the Supervisor of Elections, Pinellas County, Florida; Clyde Webber, Jr., Clerk of the District Court, Vidalia, Louisiana; Barry Weinberg, Deputy Chief, Voting Section, Civil Rights Div., U.S. Dept. of Justice.

This conference is the fourth of five being sponsored through the country this year by the Federal Election Commission. The previous cities were Chicago, Illinois, Albany, New York, and Charleston, South Carolina. The final conference will be held in early December in Los Angeles, California.