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WASHINGTON -

Between 400 and 500 local and state officials from the 10 State Midwest Region are expected to attend a two-day conference on elections administration to be held July 22-24 in Madison, Wis.

Hosts for the meeting at the Concourse Hotel are the Wisconsin State Elections Board and the Federal Election Commission's National Clearinghouse on Elections Administration. Officials attending will represent Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, Kentucky, Michigan, Minnesota, Missouri, Ohio, West Virginia and Wisconsin.

Workshops will be conducted throughout the two-day period and luncheon and dinner meetings will be addressed by Wisconsin Governor Lee Dryfus, FEC Chairman Robert O. Tiernan and other nationally recognized political figures.

Subjects to be discussed at the workshops include: Training of Election Officials; Absentee Registration and Voting; Planning, Managing and Costing for Elections; Ballot Access; Registration File Maintenance; Voter Outreach; Media and Election Administration; Voting Equipment; and Reapportioning and Polling Place Location. Panelists participating in the workshops will include public officials from throughout the Nation who are recognized for their work in the field of elections administration.

In announcing support of the conference, which is one of five such regional meetings to be conducted this year, FEC officials described the administration of elections as becoming "a complex, visible and demanding job." They cited the increasing role of Federal legislation, Federal Court decisions, new state election laws and requirements, pressures from community groups for more and better elections services, and increased numbers of political parties, candidates and issues finding their way onto ballots.

The Midwest Regional Workshops on Elections Administration will coincide with a one-day workshop on Campaign Finance Activities to be held Monday, July 23, in Senate Hearing Room 421 South of the Wisconsin State Capitol. Sponsored by the Federal Election Commission, this program will feature discussions of the Federal Election Campaign Act, campaign finance reporting and political action committee activity.

All sessions will be open to the public, and FEC staff specialists will be on hand for additional consultation and advice.