

Query on FCOA use of PollChief Asset Management System (iPAMS)

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Hi,

At the L&A testing, Tyrone said that a final decision had not been made whether your office will be using the twelve Chainway C70s ID barcode scanning Android Devices programmed with iPAMS application, manufactured by the Shenzhen Chainway Information Technology Co., Ltd, which were purchased in 2021. A second question comes to mind, which is whether you plan to use the Konnech iPAMS application at all?

Given the recent Konnech statement from 9/10/2022 which asserts that the company was in fact using mainland-China-based software engineers for developing and testing election applications from 2005 through 2021, we would again urge your office not to use any PollChief software that is not already in use, and not to renew the contract in 2023.

The Konnech statement is here:

https://www.konnech.com/images/THE_TRUTH_ABOUT_KONNECH_web_version_09102022.pdf

And the pertinent section is here:

"Konnech formed a research and development subsidiary in China, Jinhua Konnech, in 2005 for the purpose of developing software for the K-12 education market. It was a time when many U.S. and other foreign companies were increasing their R&D activities in the country. **Jinhua Konnech's employees focused primarily on coding and testing software for Konnech.** Over time this team also worked on developing and testing software for managing election logistics such as recruiting, training and scheduling volunteer election workers; coordinating the distribution of equipment of supplies to polling places; and managing election logistics issues. This work was always carried out using generic "dummy" data created specifically for testing purposes, never with customer data. Konnech made the decision to close Jinhua Konnech in early 2020 in response to changing business needs and the increasingly challenging environment for U.S. companies doing business in China. It

completed the process in 2021 and no longer has any employees in China."

In light of the June 2022 recruiting advertisement that stated as a job requirement "Good bilingual reading and writing skills in Chinese and English," I think it's prudent to consider a continuing risk that Konnech is still working with contractors - if not employees - in mainland China. See that advertisement here: <https://archive.ph/au7DN> , as also included in our memo submitted to the Electoral Board and the Office of the Registrar on September 6, 2022.

Again - we urge your office not to use any PollChief software that is not already in use, to find substitutes for all applications as soon as possible, and not to renew the contract in 2023.

For any future vendors, a better due diligence process investigating the vendor supply chain seems advisable.

Thanks!

Regards,

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